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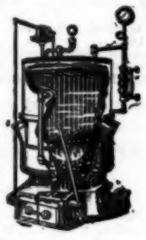

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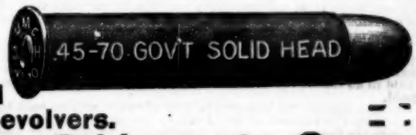

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LEWIS A. GRANT, *Assistant Secretary of War.*

G. O. 58, H. Q. A., July 13, 1893.

Publishes order from the War Department of June 24, 1893, declaring the military reservations of Fort Marion, St. Francis Barracks, Fort McRee and Fort Clinch, Fla.

G. O. 59, H. Q. A., July 17, 1893.

I. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraph 1352 of the Regulations is amended to read as follows:

1352. Commanding officers will require an inventory of the stores actually on hand to be taken, under their personal supervision, when practicable, by the responsible officer, in person, between the 25th and the close of each calendar month. If it should be impracticable on any occasion for the responsible officer to take the inventory, the commanding officer will, on his application, detail an officer to take it, who will certify, on the "statement of gains and wastage" (Form No 38), the fact of his detail and the date on which he took the inventory; and the responsible officer will certify to the amounts of gains and wastage.

When the examination necessitated by such inventory shall disclose the fact that stores are actually on hand in excess of the balances shown by the return, the excess must be taken up under the heading "gains" on Form No. 38. Deficiencies (as restricted by paragraph 1354) that may be discovered will be entered under the heading of "wastage" in said form. Statements of gains and wastage must be examined by and are subject to the approval of commanding officers.

The monthly inventory will be habitually used by the responsible officer as a check on the accuracy of the "balance remaining on hand" as stated on his monthly return of stores, and as an aid in determining the amount of gains and wastage.

II. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraph 1353 of the Regulations is revoked.

III. By direction of the Secretary of War the following is added to the Army Regulations and numbered paragraph 1426¾:

1426¾. When the troops at a post raise their own vegetables, or when it is deemed advisable that they be not supplied in kind by the Subsistence Department, the vegetable ration may be commuted at the prices of potatoes and onions in the vicinity of the post or in the market from which the post is supplied, and in the proportion of 80 per centum of potatoes and 20 per centum of onions. The commutation price will be determined monthly by the Subsistence Department.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:
R. WILLIAMS, Adjt.-Gen.

G. O. 60, H. Q. A., July 17, 1893.

The following order has been received from the War Department:

ORDERS:

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY, July 17, 1893.

The acting Secretary of War announces to the Army the death of Brigadier-General John C. Kelton, retired, governor of The Soldiers' Home, and lately Adjutant-General of the Army, whose retirement from active service, after a long and honorable career, was announced by the Secretary of War, in General Orders, No. 42, of 1892, from the Headquarters of the Army.

General Kelton died at his residence at The Soldiers' Home at 5.45 P. M. on Saturday, July 15, 1893.

As a special mark of respect to his memory, the officers of the Adjutant-General's Department will wear the customary badges of mourning upon the left arm and upon the sword-hilt for the period of thirty days.

L. A. GRANT, Acting Secretary of War.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:
R. WILLIAMS, Adjt.-Gen.

G. O. 61, H. Q. A., July 18, 1893.

I. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraphs 1183, 1377, and 1424, of the Army Regulations, are amended, and paragraph 1426 as amended by General Orders, No. 141, December 16, 1890, from this office, is further amended, to read as follows:

1183. A person requiring transportation must show that he is entitled to it by an order from competent authority, a certified copy of which will be made by the Quartermaster who furnishes the transportation, and filed with the records of his office. The latter will indorse on the order, over his signature, the fact that transportation has been provided, the kind of transportation, the places from and to which it has been provided, and the number of pounds of extra baggage transported, if any. The order will be retained by the person who receives the transportation; and in case of a soldier entitled to commutation of rations while travelling will be disposed of as directed in paragraph 1424.

1377. Fresh mutton may be issued in lieu of, and at the same rate as, fresh beef, when the cost of the former does not exceed that of the latter; and when the meat components of the ration cannot be furnished, fourteen ounces of dried fish, or eighteen ounces of pickled or fresh fish, may be issued in lieu thereof.

1424. Commutation of rations may be paid to a soldier detached, travelling under orders, at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per day, or less, as the Secretary of War may direct, when it is impracticable for him to be subsisted as required by paragraph 1420, the time to be computed over the shortest usually travelled route.

The order will state that the journey is necessary for the public service; that it is impracticable for the soldier to carry rations of any kind; and, if commutation is to be paid in advance, the number of days for which it is to be paid.

Commutation not ordered paid in advance will be paid to the soldier at the end of his journey by any officer having funds for the purpose, upon presentation of the order under which he performed the journey with the signed certificate of his commanding officer thereon in the following form, viz: "Last rationed to include. . ....., 189 : left station at....., 189 ; the..... rations overdrawn will be deducted from the ration-return of Company . . . . . , Regiment of..... for the period from ....., 189 ; to....., 189 ;" and a certificate signed by a commissioned officer in the following form, viz: "Joined station at..... ....., 189 ."

If ordered paid in advance, it will be paid upon presentation of a certified copy of the order directing the payment, having thereon the certificate in the above form of his commanding officer, but without the certificate as to joining station. In this case the paying officer will indorse the date, mode, and amount of payment, over his signature, on the original order retained by the soldier.

The order (or the copy thereof when used as here provided for) on which commutation has been paid will be filed as a subvoucher to the receipt-roll (Form No. 12), and the officer making the payment will state by signed indorsement on the order (or copy thereof) the date, mode, and amount of payment.

1426. Commutation of rations at twenty-five cents per day will be paid to a soldier for the period he was on furlough by competent authority, provided that on or before the last day of his furlough he reports at his proper station, or has been regularly discharged by proper authority.

The certificates of his company commander on the furlough will show to what day he was last rationed; that rations drawn for him previous to his going on furlough for any portion of the time covered by the furlough have been deducted from a ration-return of his company; and the date he rejoined his proper station or was discharged.

The commutation will be paid by any officer having funds for the purpose, upon the presentation of the furlough bavin thereon the above certificates duly executed. The paying officer will file the furlough with his receipt-roll (Form No. 12) as a sub-voucher, and will indorse on the furlough, over his signature, the date, mode, and amount of payment.

II. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraph 1378 of the Regulations is revoked.

III. By direction of the Secretary of War the following will be inserted in the Army Regulations and numbered paragraph 1426¾:

1426¾. When commutation of rations is due under a furlough or travel order covering parts of two fiscal years, the officer who first makes part payment thereon from funds available for either portion of the time involved, will make a complete copy of the furlough or travel order and its certificates, and certify thereon, as well as on the original, the date, mode, and amount of payment made by him, and the period covered by the paymer't, filing the copy as a sub-voucher to his receipt-roll (For a No. 12). The original will be used as a sub-voucher by the officer making final payment, who will similarly certify on it the date, mode, and amount of payment made by him, and the period covered by the payment.

Officers doing duty as chief commissaries of subsistence of departments will have charge of the payment of commutation of rations due under the appropriation of a fiscal year last past, when available funds are not on hand at posts.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:
R. WILLIAMS, Adjt.-Gen.

G. O. 62, H. Q. A., July 20, further amends par. 715 of the Regulations, and also amends par. 716 and 1372, which we shall publish another week.

G. O. 63, H. Q. A., July 21.

By direction of the Secretary of War the following is published to the Army for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Hereafter officers of the Pay Department will pay no mileage accounts based on orders directing travel in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition. Accounts of this character already paid need not be recalled. These instructions apply to accounts for travel in connection with the Exposition both from the stations of the respective officers to the Exposition and return to their appropriate stations.

"The accounting officers of the Treasury Department hold that expenditures of the character herein considered may be made from the appropriation for the support of the Exposition. Accounts pertaining to that appropriation should be submitted for approval and settlement to the 'Board of Control and Management,' as directed in pages 6 and 7 of General Orders No. 8, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1892.

"It is understood that mileage accounts such as are herein contemplated will be adjusted under the provisions of General Orders, No. 70, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1876."

By command of Major General Schofield.
R. WILLIAMS, Adjutant General.

CORPS AND STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

General Officers.

Brig.-Gen. Wm. P. Carlin, accompanied by 2d Lt. C. H. Martin, A. D. C., will proceed on public business to Fort Canby, Wash. (S. O. 124, July 10, D. Columbia.)

Brig.-Gen. A. McD. McCook, Department Commander, will proceed on public business to Denver (S. O. 2, July 10, D. Colorado.)

Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

Leave for one month, to take effect on or about July 17, is granted Lieut.-Col. M. V. Sheridan, A. A. G., with permission to apply for an extension of one month and fifteen days (S. O. 67, July 15, D. Platte.)

Quartermasters and Subsistence Department.

Leave for two months, to take effect on or about July 19, is granted Lieut.-Col. Charles G. Sawtelle, D. Q. M. G. (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

Major J. W. Scully, Q. M., will proceed to Governor's Island, N. Y., and report to the Chief Q. M. of the Department on public business (S. O. 152, July 17, D. East.)

Leave for three months, on surgeon's certificate, is granted Capt. Charles R. Barnett, A. Q. M. (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Henry B. Osgood, C. S., will proceed to comply with S. O. 98, c. s., H. Q. A. (S. O. 67, July 15, D. Platte.)

The C. O. Camp Pilot Butte will send Comy. Sgt. Wm. D. Edwards to the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, for treatment (S. O. 65, July 11, D. Platte.)

Medical Department.

1st Lieut. Isaac P. Ware, asst. surg., will proceed from Fort Supply to Fort Reno and report for duty during the temporary absence of Capt. Wm. C. Gorgas, asst. surg. (S. O. 72, July 10, D. Mo.)

Leave for one month, to take effect between July 15 and 30, is granted Major Calvin De Witt, surg. (S. O. 78, July 11, D. Tex.)

Lieut.-Col. Dallas Bache, D. S. G., medical director, will proceed to Forts Niobrara and Robinson, Neb., and Fort McKinney, Wyo., on public business (S. O. 66, July 12, D. Platte.)

1st Lieut. Alfred E. Bradley, asst. surg., will report to Lieut.-Col. Dallas Bache, D. S. G., president of the examining board appointed to meet at Omaha, Neb., for examination as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. Joseph T. Clarke, asst. surg., will proceed from Camp Poplar River, Mont., upon the abandonment of that post, to Fort Sully, S. D., for temporary duty during the absence of 1st Lieut. Alfred E. Bradley, asst. surg., and will, upon the return of Lieut. Bradley, proceed to Fort Omaha, Neb., for duty (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

The leave granted Capt. Francis J. Ives, asst. surg., is extended ten days (S. O., July 17, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. James D. Glennan, asst. surg., will report to Lieut.-Col. Dallas Bache, D. S. G., president of the examining board appointed to meet at Omaha, Neb., for examination as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., July 19, H. Q. A.)

Hospl. Steward Joseph Martin will proceed from Fort Bowie to San Carlos, A. T., and report for temporary duty, relieving Hospl. Steward Jos. Fouque, who will proceed to Fort Bowie, A. T., and report for temporary duty (S. O. 1, July 8, D. Colorado.)

The following transfers and assignments to duty of enlisted men of the Hospital Corps are made: Hospl. Steward Emil Appell, from Jefferson Bks., Mo., to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for duty; Acting Hospl. Steward George Gibbens, from Fort Sill, O. T., to Jefferson Bks., Mo., for duty; Acting Hospital Steward Herbert A. Barnes, from Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., to Fort Sill, O. T., for duty; Hospl. Steward Wm. H. Lyon, from Fort Reno, O. T., to Fort Supply, I. T.; Pvt. James Arthur, now awaiting orders at Fort Sill, O. T., is assigned to duty at that post; Pvt. Harald W. Hansen, from Fort Reno to Fort Sill, O. T.; Acting Hospital Steward Morgan Savadge, from Fort Supply, I. T., to duty at Fort Reno, O. T. (S. O., July 17, H. Q. A.)

Hospl. Steward Charles L. Smit, U. S. Army, for drunkenness, etc., at Camp at Eagle Pass, Tex., has been sentenced to confinement to limits of post for six months and to forfeit $60 of pay.

Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

A Board of Officers, to consist of Lieut.-Col. Wm. H. Benyaurd, Major Wm. H. Heuer and 1st Lt. Charles L. Potter, will assemble at Napa City, Cal., to consider and report upon the subject of harbor lines at Napa City (S. O. 28, July 14, C. E.)

Addl. 2d Lieut. John S. Sewell, C. E., will repair to Washington, D. C., and report to Col. John M. Wilson, in charge of the Public Buildings and Grounds, for temporary duty, and on completion of the duty will return to his station at Willets Point, N. Y. (S. O., July 17, H. Q. A.)

Leave for 18 days, to take effect about July 20, is granted Lieut.-Col. Wm. R. King, C. E. (S. O. 2, July 18, C. E.)

Leave for two months is granted 1st Lieut. Francis R. Shunk, C. E. (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Lawrence L. Bruff, O. D., will proceed from West Point, N. Y., to the U. S. Proving Grounds, Sandy Hook, N. J., on official business (S. O., July 17, H. Q. A.)

Capt. David A. Lyle, O. D., will, at such times as may be necessary, make not exceeding three visits to the Pencoyd Iron Works, Pencoyd, Pa., on official business (S. O., July 13, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Wm. B. Gordon, O. D., will, at such times as may be necessary during the current month, make three visits to the Sandy Hook Proving Ground, Sandy Hook, N. J., on official business (S. O., July 13, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month, on surgeon's certificate, is granted Capt. Andrew H. Russell, O. D. (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.

Capt. Charles Shaler, O. D., will proceed to the Ordnance Proving Ground at Sandy Hook, N.J., on official business (S. O., July 19, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Frank Heath, O.D., will proceed to Chicago, Ill., for temporary duty in charge of the Ordnance section of the War Department Exhibit (S. O., July 19, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Marcus W. Lyon, O. D., will proceed to the shops of Wm. Cramp and Sons, Philadelphia, Pa., on official business (S. O., July 19, H. Q. A.)

Chaplains.

The leave granted Post Chaplain Wm. K. Tully is extended four months (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

The leave on surgeon's certificate granted Post Chaplain James C. Kerr is extended four months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

Post Chaplain Winfield Scott will report to Col. Abraham K. Arnold, 1st Cav., president of the Army Retiring Board at Fort Huachuca, A. T., for examination by it (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hdqrs., C, F, G, H and K, Ft. Grant; D, Ft. Apache, and I, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; L,* Ft. Custer, Mont.; A, Ft. Myer, and E, San Carlos, Ariz.—*Indian troop.

Farrier Clarence R. Gerber was appointed corporal July 7, vice Hall, reduced (Orders 42, July 7, Fort Grant, A. T.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Oscar J. Brown is extended five days (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

Corpl. C. L. Goodman, Tr op I, was, on July 1, appointed lance corporal, vice Steiman, reduced.

2nd Cavalry, Colonel George G. Huntt.

Hdqrs., A, C, D, G, H, and L,* Ft. Wingate, N. M.; E and Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; B and I, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—*Indian troop.

Vet. Surg. John Robertson will proceed to Fort Huachuca and Bowie, A. T., for the purpose of treating public horses and giving such instruction as may be pertinent to his office (S. O. 1, July 8, Colo.)

Leave for one month, to take effect about August 1, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. Alfred M. Fuller (S. O. 73, July 13, D. Mo.)

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Anson Mills.

Hdqrs. A, B and K, Ft. Reno, O. T.; C, E, F and G, Fort Riley, Kas.; H and I, Ft. Sill, O. T.; D, Ft. Supply, I. T.; Fort Meade, S. D.—*Indian troop.

Capt. George F. Chase, having reported, will take station at Chicago, while inspecting the horses being purchased by the Chief Q. M. (S. O. 72, July 10, D. Mo.)

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdqrs., A, D, H and L*, Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; C, Ft. Lewis, Col.; G, Ft. Sherman, Idaho.; E, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F, Boise Bks., Idaho; B, I, J and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.—*Indian troop. 1 d. s. Sequoia National Park, Yosemite National Park.

Leave for 17 days is granted 1st Lieut. Robert Brown, R. Q. M. (S. O. 125, July 11, D. Col.)

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdqrs., G and D, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; A and H, Fort Houston, Tex.; B, Ft. Clark, Tex.; F, Camp Eagle Pass, Tex.; E and I, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; C and M, Ft. Brown, Tex.; L, Reno, Okla. T.—*Indian troop.

2d Lieut. S. P. Vestal is detailed as recruiting

officer at Fort Ringgold, Tex. (S. O. 79, July 13, D. Tex.)

The C. O. Fort Sam Houston, Tex., will send Sergt. Alfred H. Boulton, Troop H, and Corpl. Henry R. Drake, Troop A, competitors for the cavalry competition, to Fort Clark, Tex., for preparatory practice (S. O. 80, July 14, D. Tex.)

6th Cavalry, Colonel David S. Gordon.

Hdqrs., A, E, G, H, K and L*, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C, Ft McKinney, Wyo.; D and I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; E, Ft Washakie, Wyo. F, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.—*Indian troop.

Leave for three months, to take effect on or about Aug. 15, is granted 1st Lieut. Hugh J. Gallagher, and he is authorized to go beyond sea (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

Leave for 15 days, to take effect on or about Aug. 8, is granted 1st Lieut. Richard B. Paddock (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdqrs., A, E, H and I, Ft. Riley, Kas.; B and K, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; C, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; D, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; F, Fort Myer, Va.; G, Ft. Clark, Tex.; L*, Ft. Sill, Okla. T.—*Indian troop.

Upon the arrival at the respective camps of the detachments sent under orders of July 6 from these headquarters, the three troops now encamped at Carrizo, Salineno and Lopena, Tex., will stand relieved from further duty in the field and will march to Fort McIntosh, Tex., from which point they will proceed by rail to stations as follows: Troop C to Fort Hancock, Troop D to Fort Sam Houston, and Troop G to Fort Clark, Tex. (S. O. 78, July 11, D. Tex.)

Leave for one month is granted Capt. Charles C. De Rudio (S. O. 78, July 13, D. Mo.)

Leave for 21 days is granted 2d Lieut. Robert Sewell (S. O. 155, July 20, D. East.)

9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdqrs., A, D, E, F, G and I, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B and H Fort Du Chesne, Utah; C, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; K, Fort Myer Va.

The leave granted Capt. Walter L. Finley is extended five days (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

Sergt. Barney McKay, Troop G, for circulating an incendiary circular among the troops at Fort Robinson, inciting them to commit lawless acts against the citizens of Crawford, Nebraska., has been dishonorably discharged and sent to the Leavenworth prison for two years.

Capt. John S. Loud will proceed to Fort Robinson, Neb. (S. O. 67, July 15, D. Platte.)

Leave for fifteen days, to take effect on or about Aug. 10, is granted 1st Lieut. Gonzalez S. Bingham (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

10th Cavalry, Colonel John K. Mizner.

Hdqrs., B, E, G and K, Ft. Custer, Mont.; C an F, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; D and H, Ft. Buford N. D.; A, Ft. Keogh, Mont.

Leave for two months, to take effect about Aug. 1, is granted Capt. Samuel L. Woodward (S. O., July 17, H. Q. A.)

Leave for three months, to take effect on or about Aug. 20, is granted 1st Lieut. Lether Hardeman (S.O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon.

Hdqrs., A, G, I, and K,* Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. H.; C, D, and L, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y. H.; E,* Ft. Sheridan, Ill. B, H, and M, Ft. Columbus, N. Y. H.; F, Ft. Monroe, Va.—*Light battery.

Major John I. Rodgers, inspector of artillery, Dept. of California, will proceed to Fort Canby, Wash., on official bhsiness, during the artillery target practice season of Bats. A and C, 5th Art. (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

2nd Artillery, Colonel Richard Lodor.

Hdqrs., C, G, and M, Ft. Adams, R. I.; K, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; Ft. Preble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A* and F,* Ft. Riley, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; H and L, Ft. Schuyler N. Y.—*Light batterry.

Leave for 15 days, to commence about Aug. 1, is granted 2d Lieut. George Montgomery (S. O. 155, July 20, D. East.)

3rd Artillery, Colonel La Rhett L. Livingston

Hdqrs., D, E, I, K, and L, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; C,* Washington Bks., D. C.; A and G, Fort Barrancas Fla.; H, Key West Bks., Fla.; B and M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F, Ft. Sam Houston Tex.—*Light battery.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Henry H. Ludlow is extended one month (S. O., July 17, H. Q. A.)

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqrs., A, G I, and M, Washington Bks., D. C., H,* Fort Adams, R. I.; C, D, and L, Ft. McHenry, Md.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; E, H and K, Ft. Monroe, Va.—*Light battery.

The leave granted 2d Lieut. W. L. Kenly, Jr., is extended five days (S. O. 152, July 17, D. East.)

5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham

Hdqrs., B, D,* F,* H, K, and L, Presidio of San Francisco Cal.; M, Ft. Mason, Cal.; A and C, Ft Canoe Wash.; E and I, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.—* Light battery

The order assigning 1st Lieut. Thomas R. Adams for duty with Bat. H is rescinded and Lieut. Adams will rejoin Bat. I of his regiment at Alcatraz Island, Cal., for duty (S. O. 60, July 10, D. Cal.)

1st Lieut. Wm. F. Hancock will repair to Washington, D. C., on public business, and return to his station in New York City (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

2d Lieut. Wilmot E. Ellis is relieved from temporary duty with Bat. I, and is attached to Bat. E for duty until further orders (S. O. 60, July 10, D. Cal.)

2d Lieut. Wm. C. Davis is relieved from duty as a member of the G. C. M. convened at the Presidio of San Francisco (S. O. 60, July 10, D. Cal.)

2nd Infantry, Colonel John C. Bates.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I* Ft. Omaha, Neb.—*Indian Company.

The following officers will proceed to the places named and report for duty with the National Guard of the State of Iowa: Capt. Wm. J. Turner to report to the C. O. 3d Regt. of Inf., at Corning, for duty with that regiment from July 17 to 22, and to the C. O. 4th Regt., at Sioux City, for duty with that regiment, from Aug. 5 to 11; 2d Lieut. Harry Wilkins, Edward R. Chrisman and Wm. J. Lutz report to the C. O. 3d Inf., at Corning, for duty with the battalion of that regiment, from July 17 to 22, and to the C. O. 4th Inf., at Sioux City, for duty with the battalions of that regiment, from Aug. 5 to 11 (S. O. 64, July 10, D. Platte.)

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Wm. M. Wright, Fort Omaha, Neb., with permission to apply for an extension of 15 days (S. O. 67, July 15, D. Platte.)

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdqrs., A, B, D, E, G, H and I*, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; C and F, on d. s. at World's Fair, Chicago.—*Indian company.

1st Lieut. Wm. C. Buttler, R. Q. M., having completed the duties at Fort Snelling, Minn., assigned him, will rejoin his regiment in camp near Lake City, Minn. (S. O. 100, July 13, D. Dak.)

The leave for seven days granted to Lieut. Frank B. McCoy, Camp Lakeview, Minn., is extended 23 days (S. O. 99, July 11, D. Dak.)

Col. Edwin C. Mason, having returned to Fort Snelling, Minn., from leave, will proceed to join his regiment in camp near Lake City, Minn. (S. O. 99, July 11, D. Dak.)

1st Lieut. Charles G. Dwyer is detailed for duty on recruiting service at Fort Sidney, Neb. (S. O. 65, July 11, D. Platte.)

4th Infantry, Colonel Robert H. Hall.

Hdqrs., A, D, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; B, E, G and I*, Ft Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.—*Indian company.

Capt. H. E. Robinson is designated as signal officer of the Dept. of the Columbia (S. O. 123, July 8, D. Col.)

2d Lieut. Herman Hall will repair to Vancouver Bks., Wash., for duty as aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. Carlin (S. O. 128, July 14, D. Col.)

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdqrs., C and D, St. Francis Bks., Fla.; E and H, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; A, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; B and G, Jackson Bks. La.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. John C. F. Tillson is extended one month (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

6th Infantry, Colonel Melville A. Cochran.

Hdqrs., B, C, D, F, G and H, Ft. Thomas, Ky.; E, Newport Barracks, Ky.; A, Ft. Wood, N. Y. H.

Leave for 15 days is granted 2d Lieut. George A. Detchmendy (S. O. 154, July 19, D. East.)

Col. Cochran, in an official order, announces the death by drowning July 13, while bathing in the Ohio River near Fort Thomas, of Pvt. Chas. A. Cecil, Co. G, and says: "He was a young soldier of excellent character."

2d Lieut. George C. Saffarrans is detailed to attend the encampment of the Kentucky National Guard at Bowling Green, Ky., during August. He will report to the Governor of Kentucky not later than July 25 (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E and F, Ft. Logan, Colo.; G, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

1st Lieut. Chauncey B. Baker, aide-de-camp, will proceed on public business to Denver, Colo. (S. O. 2, July 10, D. Colo.)

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Henry A. Pipes is extended six months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. James A. Goodin, distinguished marksman, will report Aug. 21, to Capt. Richards, 16th Inf., at Bellevue, Neb., to participate in the rifle competition (S. O. 65, July 11, D. Platte.)

Leave for three months, to take effect Sept. 1, is granted 2d Lieut. Frederic H. Sargent (S. O., July 17, H. Q. A.)

9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett.

Hdqrs., B, C, D, E, F and G, Madison Bks., N. Y.; H, Plattsburgh Bks.; A, Fort Ontario, N. Y.; I,* Ft. Barrancas, Fla.—*Indian company.

Col. Charles G. Bartlett will proceed to Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., and inspect the company of his regiment at that post (S. O. 149, July 13, D. East.)

10th Infantry, Colonel Edward P. Pearson

Hdqrs. and B and D, Ft. Marcy, N. M.; A and F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, San Diego Bks., Cal.; E and G, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; H, Ft. Wingate, N. M.

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Victor E. Stottler, R. Q. M., to take effect Aug. 5, with permission to apply for an extension of ten days (S. O. 1, July 8, D. Colo.)

12th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Townsend.

Hdqrs., E, and G, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A, F and H, Ft. Yates, N. D.; B, C and D, Ft. Sully, S. D.; I*, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala. *Indian company.

Leave for 20 days is granted 1st Lieut. Charles C. Ballou (S. O., July 19, H. Q. A.)

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. James A. Maney, R. Q. M., is extended one month (S. O., July 8, H. Q. A.)

17th Infantry, Colonel John S. Poland.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Lazelle.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, G and H, Ft. Clark, Tex.; E, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; F, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.

Capt. W. B. Wheeler is relieved as recruiting officer at Fort Ringgold, Tex. (S. O. 79, July 13, D Tex.)

Leave for three months, on surgeon's certificate, with permission to leave the Dept. of Texas, is granted Capt. John Anderson (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

The following transfers are made: 1st Lieuts. Charles McClure, from Co. H to I, and J. Harry Duval, from Co. I to H (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.

Hdqrs., A, B, D, E, F, G, H and I*, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C, Fort Buford, N. D.—*Indian company.

Leave for 20 days is granted 1st Lieut. James S. Rogers, Fort Assiniboine, Mont. (S. O. 98, July 10, D. Dak.)

Leave for two months, to take effect on or about Sept. 20, is granted 1st Lieut. Jas. A. Irons, R. Q. M. (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

21st Infantry, Colonel Horace Jewett.

Hdqrs., A, C and E, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.; B and H, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; D, F G, and I,* Fort Sidney, Neb.—*Indian company.

Leave for seven days, to take effect about July 23, is granted Capt. Willis Wittich, recruiting officer (S. O., July 15, H. Q. A.)

Lieut. M. McFarland is relieved from recruiting duty at Fort Sidney (S. O. 65, July 11, D. Platte.)

1st Lieut. Charles H. Bonesteel is relieved from duty as range officer at the Presidio of San Francisco and Acting Chief Signal Officer at Dept. of California headquarters (S. O. 59, July 8, D. Cal.)

23rd Infantry, Colonel John J. Coppinger.

Hdqrs., A, C, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; B and D, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

1st Lieut. Lea Febiger will proceed to Austin, Tex., on public business (S. O. 81, July 17, D. Tex.)

Capt. E. B. Pratt, Fort Bliss, Tex., will proceed to Columbus Bks., Ohio, so as to arrive there not later than July 23, to conduct a detachment of recruits from that point to Fort Sam Houston, Tex. (S. O. 81, July 17, D. Tex.)

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.

Hdqrs., D, E, F and G, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; A, B, C and H, Ft. Huachuca, A. T.

Leave for one month, to take effect Sept. 1, is granted 2d Lieut. Charles E. Tayman (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

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Appointments, etc., recorded in the A.-G. O., July 15, 1893.

PROMOTIONS.

Artillery Arm.

2d Lieut. *Richmond P. Davis*, 2d Art., to be 1st lieut., March 23, 1893, vice *Towers*, 2d Art., deceased.

2d Lieut. *George O. Squier*, 3d Art., to be 1st lieut., June 30, vice *Humphreys*, 3d Art., promoted.

TRANSFERS.

Infantry Arm.

1st Lieut. *George B. Davis*, from the 5th Inf. to the 4th Inf., July 10, 1893, vice *Kimball*, transferred to the 5th Inf.

1st Lieut. *Frederick C. Kimball*, from the 4th Inf. to the 5th Inf., July 10, 1893, vice *Davis*, transferred to the 4th Inf.

CASUALTY.

Brig.-Gen. *John C. Kelton* (retired), died July 15, 1893, at Soldiers' Home, D. C.

CORRECTION.

The report of the death of Capt. *John W. Martin* (retired), as announced in list of July 10, 1893, was erroneous. Capt. Martin's name has been restored to the limited retired list.

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Grant, A. T., July 14. Detail: Maj. Chas. D. Viele, Capts. Frederick K. Ward and Robert P. P. Wainwright, 1st Lieuts. George W. Goode, 1st Cav., and George M. Wells, asst. surg.; 2d Lieuts. John D. L. Hartman and Samuel B. Arnold, 1st Cav., and 2d Lieut. John W. Furlong, 1st Cav., J. A. (S. O. 2, July 10, D. Colo.)

At Fort Buford, N. D., July 18. Detail: Lieut.-Col. John N. Andrews, 25th Inf.; Major Theodore J. Wint, 10th Cav.; Capts. Aaron H. Appel, Med. Dept.; Walter S. Scott, R H R. Loughborough, 25th Inf., and George H. Evans, 10th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Amos B. Shattuck 2d Lieut. Charles S. Farnsworth, 25th Inf., and 2d Lieut. Henry L. Kinnison, 25th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 100, July 13, D. Dak.)

At Washington Bks., D. C., July 19. Detail: Maj. Jacob B. Rawles, 4th Art.; Capts. James M. Lancaster, 3d Art.; Frederick Fuger and Walter Howe, 4th Art.; 1st Lieuts. John R. Williams and Charles G. Woodward, 3d Art., and Walter S. Alexander, 4th Art.; 2d Lieuts. Wirt Robinson, 4th Art.; Peyton C. March, 3d Art.; Walter A. Bethel and Andrew Hero, Jr., 4th Art., and 1st Lieut. Wm. P. Stone, 4th Art., J. A. (S. O. 140, July 18, D. East.)

At Fort Sam Houston, Tex., July 15. Detail: Capts. O. W. Pollock and G. A. Goodale, 23d Inf.; 1st Lieuts. J. D. C. Huskins, 3d Art.; Lea Febiger and E. P. Pendleton, 23d Inf., and J. B. Bellinger, 8th Cav.; 2d Lieuts. Hugh Swain, 23d Inf.; L. C. Scherer, 5th Cav., and Matthias Crowley, 5th Inf., and 1st Lieut. G. W. Read, 5th Cav., J. A. (S. O. 80, July 14, D. Tex.)

At Fort Leavenworth, Kas., July 13. Detail: Capts. David J. Craigie, 18th Inf.; Gregory Barrett, 10th Inf.; Edward L. Randall, 5th Inf.; John F. Stretch, 10th Inf., and James Fornance, 13th Inf.; 1st Lieuts. Palmer G. Wood, R. Q. M., 12th Inf., and Charles W. Farber, 8th Cav.; 2d Lieuts. Francis E. Lacey, Jr., 10th Inf.; and Alfred W. Drew, 17th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Frank P. Eastman, 14th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 72, July 10, D. Mo.)

At Fort Riley, Kas., July 14. Detail: Capts. Edward S. Godfrey and Ernest A. Garlington, 7th Cav.; S. W. Taylor, 1st Lieuts. Leverett H. Walker, 4th Art.; Edward H. Catlin, 2d Art., and James M. Kenned), asst. surg.; 2d Lieuts. Geo. F. Landers, 4th Art.; Maurice G. Krayenbuhl, 2d Art., and Frank Tompkins, 7th Cav., and 1st Lieut. Jo eph E. Maxfield, Signal Corps, J. A. (S. O. 72, July 10, D. Mo.)

At Fort Reno, O. T., July 21, for the trial of Capt. James O. Mackay, 3d Cav. Detail: Col. Anson Mills, and Lieut.-Col. George A. Purington, 3d Cav.; Maj. Clarence M. Bailey, 15th Inf.; Capts. Wm. M. Waterbury and Benjamin H. Rogers, 15th Inf., John B. Johnson, 3d Cav.; Wm. Auman and John S. Bishop, 13th Inf.; Geo. K. Hunter, 3d Cav., and 1st Lieut. Eben Swift, 5th Cav., J. A. (S. O. 73, July 13, H. Q. A.)

At West Point, N. Y., July 20. Detail: 1st Lieuts. Sedgwick Pratt, 3d Art.; Samuel W. Dunning, 16th Inf.; Wm. H. Allaire, 23d Inf.; Daniel L. Tate, 3d Cav.; Barrington K. West, 6th Cav.; Arthur F. Curtis, 2d Art.; Austin H. Brown, 4th Inf.; Arthur Thayer, 3d Cav.; Frank McIntyre, 19th Inf.; Elmer W. Hubbard, 3d Art.; T. Bentley Mott, 1st Art.; and Richmond P. Davis, 2d Art.; 2d Lieut. Matthew C. Butler, Jr., 5th Cav., and 1st Lieut. James A. Cole, 6th Cav., J. A. (S. O., July 17, H. Q. A.)

At Fort Bayard, N. M., July 17. Detail: Capts. James N. Morgan and Alfred C. Markley, 24th Inf.; John Q. Adams, 1st Cav.; Wm. O. Owens, Jr., asst. surg., and Chas. J. Crane, 2d Lieuts. John R. Seyburn, 24th Inf.; Wm. J Glasgow, 1st Cav.; Isaac C. Jenks and Harrison J. Price, 24th Inf., and 1st Lieut. James E. Brett, 24th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 4, July 12, D. Colo.)

At Fort Marcy, N. M., July 14. Detail: Capts. Joel T. Kirkman and Wm. Paulding, 1st Lieuts. Henry Kirby and Isaac W. Littell, adjt., 2d Lieuts. Geo. S. Harison and John F. Stephen, 10th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Lucius L. Durfee, 10th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 2, July 11, D. Colo.)

At Madison Barracks, N. Y., July 25. Detail: Major Ezra P. Ewers, Capts. James Regan, Edgar B. Robertson and Thomas S. McCaleb, 1st Lieuts. John Baxter, Jr., Frank L. Dodd, R. Q. M., and Robert H. Anderson, 9th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Charles R. Noyes, adjt., 9th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 154, July 19, D. East.)

At Fort Apache, A. T., July 19. Detail: Capts. Francis W. Mansfield and Ralph W. Hoyt, 11th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Merritte W. Ireland, asst. surg.; 2d Lieuts. Arthur Johnson, and Edward A. Shuttleworth, 11th Inf., and Robert C. Williams, 1st Cav., and 1st Lieut. Zebulon B. Vance, Jr., 11th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 5, July 13, D. Colo.)

At Fort Bowie, A. T., July 19. Detail: Major Thomas McGregor, Capts. Wm. C. Rawolle and Joshua L. Fowler, 2d Cav., and Jefferson D. Poindexter, asst. surg.; 1st Lieut. Joseph B. Batchellor, Sr., 24th Inf.; 2d Lieut. John S. Winn, 2d Cav., and 1st Lieut. Herbert H. Sargent, 2d Cav., J. A. (S. O. 5, July 13, D. Colo.)

Army Boards.

A Board of Survey to consist of Maj. Wm. H. Nash, Sub. Dept.; Capt. Frazier A. Boutelle, 1st Cav.; and 2d Lieut. James R. Lindsay, 14th Inf., will convene at Vancouver Depot on July 13, to ascertain and fix the responsibility for the loss of one pack mule for which Capt. Charles H. Ingalls, A. Q. M., is accountable (S. O. 125, July 11, D. Col.)

A Board of Survey to consist of 1st Lieuts. Lea Febiger and E. P. Pendleton, 23d Inf., and G. W. Read, 5th Cav., will assemble at the San Antonio Depot on July 13, to fix the responsibility for the damaged condition and deficiency in weight of bacon for which 1st Lieut. H. L. Ripley, Acting Depot C. S., is accountable (S. O. 79, July 11, D. Tex.)

Col. John S. Poland, 17th Inf., and Major Harry S. Farrill, surg., are detailed as members of the Army retiring board at Fort Logan, Colo., vice Col. Henry C. Merriam, 7th Inf., and Major Augustus A. DeLoffre, relieved (S. O., July 19, H. Q. A.)

An Army retiring board is appointed to meet at Fort Huachuca, A. T., for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it. Detail: Col. Abraham K. Arnold, 1st Cav.; Major Timothy E. Wilcox, surg.; Capts. Frederick M. Crandal, 24th Inf.; Rudolph G. Ebert, asst. surg., and Morris C. Wessells, 24th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Alvarado M. Fuller, 3d Cav., recorder (S. O., July 18, H. Q. A.)

Boards for Examination.

A Board of Officers to consist of Lieut.-Cols. Dallas Bache and Albert Hartsuff, Dep. Surg. Gens., and Major Henry McBiderry, surg., is appointed to meet, at the call of the president thereof, at Omaha, Neb., for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it, with a view of determining their fitness for promotion (S. O., July 13, H. Q. A.)

Retirements of Enlisted Men.

Sergt. Michael McCaffrey, Co. C, 16th Inf., now at Fort Sheridan, Ill., is, upon his own application, placed upon the retired list (S. O., July 13, H. Q. A.)

The following enlisted men, now at the stations designated after their respective names, are placed upon the retired list: Corp. Sergt. John J. Rowman, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; 1st Sergt. Jos. Chapman, Co G, 25th Inf., Ft. Missoula, Mont.; Post Q. M. Sergt. John B. Fletcher, Frankford Arsenal, Pa.; Pvt. Frederick Hagenbuch, Troop I, 7th Cav., Fort Riley, Kas.; Sergt John C. Hampson, Co B, 17th Inf., Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; 1st Sergt. Thomas Ross, Co B, 20th Inf., Fort Assiniboine, Mont.; Pvt. Michael Ryan, Batt H, 4th Art., Fort Monroe, Va.; Sergt. Louis Strupp, Troop G, 6th Cav., Fort Niobrara, Neb. (S. O. July 18, H. Q. A.)

RIFLE COMPETITIONS—1893.

Dept. Platte.—Capt. Wm. V. Richards, 19th Inf., is assigned to duty in charge of the Department Rifle Camp on the Bellevue Rifle Range, at the Annual Department Rifle and Cavalry Competitions for the Depts. of the East, Platte and California. The following will report to Capt. Wm. V. Richards, 16th Inf., at the camp, near Bellevue, Neb., for duty in connection with the Rifle and Cavalry Competitions: 2d Lieuts. Leonard M. Prince, as camp adjutant and acting signal officer; Hiram McL. Powell, camp quartermaster and acting ordnance officer; John L. Hines, A. C. S. and exchange officer; Edwin V. Bookmiller, statistical officer—all 2d Infantry; 1st Lt. Chas. Lynch, asst. surg., as medical officer. The following will report to Capt. Richards Aug. 1 as range officers: 1st Lieuts. Maury Nichols, 7th Inf; Beaumont B. Buck 16th Inf., and Chas. G. Dwyer, 3d Inf.; 2d Lieuts. David P. Cordray, 8th Inf.; John B. Bennet, 7th Inf.; Walter C. Short, 6th Cav., and Wm. D. Davis, 17th Inf. Capt. John F. Guilfoyle, 9th Cav., will report to the Inspector of Small Arms Practice at the camp, near Bellevue, Aug. 1 next, for duty as executive officer, in connection with the coming cavalry competitions (S. O. 65, July 10, D. Platte.)

The following officers will report Aug. 5 to the C. O at the Bellevue Rifle Range, Neb., to represent their respective regiments, as competitors at the coming cavalry competitions: 2d Lieuts. Harold P. Howard and George C. Barnhardt, 6th Cav; Capt. Clarence A. Stedman and 2d Lieut. Lawson M. Fuller, 9th Cav. The following distinguished marksmen will report Aug. 5 to the C. O. at the Bellevue Rifle Range, Neb., to participate in the cavalry competitions: Capts. Joseph Garrard, Henry H. Wright and Matthias W. Day, 9th Cav. The following will Aug 21 report to Capt. Wm. V. Richards, 16th Inf., commanding the Department Rifle Range, near Bellevue, Neb., to represent their respective regiment as competitors at the department rifle competition: 1st Lieut. Wm. H. Johnston, Jr., and 2d Lieut. John C. Gregg, 16th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Edward Chynoweth and 2d Lieut. Henry G. Lyon, 17th Inf. (S. O. 65, July 11, D. Platte.)

In reply to a telegram from Gen. McCook, of June 19, regarding classification on target reports of enlisted men, on last year's basis, Asst. Adjt. Gen. Corbin replied "that the Major General Commanding the Army decides that, in cases where transferred men had no practice during the present season, and their old scores cannot be obtained, their record may be omitted and the company averages based upon the actual number of men firing and scores made this year; but in the matter of classification the requirements of G. O. No. 38, current series, from this office, will be strictly complied with."

COMPTROLLER'S DECISIONS.

In the case of Lieut.-Col. Barriger, involving the right of an Army officer to commutation of quarters when on duty without troops at a station where there is not a sufficiency of permanent quarters, Second Comptroller Mansur has ruled that Sec. —, chapter 263 (20 Stat. 151) requires that at all posts and stations where there are public quarters belonging to the U. S., officers may be furnished with quarters in kind in such public quarters and not elsewhere by the Q. M. Department, assigning to the officers of each grade respectively such number of rooms as is now allowed to such grade by the Rules and Regulations of the Army. It therefore follows, he concludes, that commutation in money cannot be granted in this instance, but that the remedy of Col. Barriger is to be found in pars. 1078 and 1079, Army Regulations.

Comptroller Mansur rules that the act of Feb. 27, 1893, prohibiting expenditures exceeding $500 upon any building or military post without the approval of the Secretary of War, relates to all Army buildings, including hospitals.

Second Comptroller Mansur has decided in the case of an Indian soldier who was discharged for disability, that he is entitled to his retained pay, for the reason that the disability for which discharged was known to the authorities at the time he was enlisted.

LAST week Mr. Edward Casey, an architect of New York, was knocked down in that city by a coach, and suffered a fracture of the skull and a severe cut on the face, through the wheel of the coach passing over his head. The rain was coming down in sheets, and Mr. Casey, in trying to cross 23d street at Fifth avenue, had covered his head with his umbrella, so that he could not see the horses, and the driver, who was arrested, said that the blinding rain had also prevented him from seeing. Mr. Casey is the son of Gen. Casey, Chief of Engineers, brother of Capt. Casey, Corps of E., and grandson of Gen. Silas Casey. His mother is a daughter of the late Prof. Wier, of the Military Academy.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

COMMANDER FRANK WILDES, U. S. N., registered at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York City, July 18.

LIEUTENANT L. L. REAMEY, U. S. N., and family have taken rooms at Conanicut, R. I., for the summer.

REAR ADMIRAL THORNTON A. JENKINS, U. S. N., lies quite ill at his residence, 2115 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

ENSIGN HOUSTON ELDREDGE, a patient at the Mare Island Naval Hospital, is able to be out, and can now walk without a cane.

MRS. F. M. BENNETT, wife of P. A. Engr. Bennett, of the Navy, has been visiting his relatives in Cassopolis, Mich., but is now in Chicago.

THE engagement of Miss Fyffe, daughter of Commodore J. Fyffe, U. S. N., to Mr. Marcus L. Miller, is announced, but no date is yet given for the wedding.

MRS. DIXON and son have gone into the country for the heated term, where they will be joined later in the season by Surg. Dixon, of the Naval Dispensary.

THE wife of Lieut. Downs L. Wilson, of the admiral's staff, has arrived in Honolulu and has made a most pleasant impression on society in that ocean capital.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES A. TURNER, U. S. M. C., on sick leave, has not been to Chicago, but is under treatment in San Francisco. He hopes to return to duty.

P. A. ENGINEER W. A. MINTZER, U. S. Navy, will soon be ordered for examination for promotion, and the one to follow him will be P. A. Engineer W. S. Moore, now on the *Vesuvius*.

COMMODORE F. M. RAMSAY is acting Secretary of the Navy. When relieved by Assistant Secretary McAdoo the latter part of the month, he will join his family at Jamestown, N. Y., for a well-earned rest.

MRS. FRANK E. BEATTY, wife of Lieut. Beatty, of the U. S. S. *Miantonomoh*, with her baby, is stopping at Rappahannock, Va., during the heated term and will not join her husband until sometime this fall.

EX-CHIEF CONSTRUCTOR WILSON will pass a couple of months on the coast of Maine, with his family, returning to his home in Washington in October, and may spend next winter in the South or Southern California.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "The assignment of Capt. R. L. Howison to the command of the Mare Island Navy-yard gives great satisfaction to all at the station, and is equally as pleasant to the one most interested."

CHIEF ENGINEER BAKER, of the Navy, has taken up his residence in the Capital, and is enjoying it as only one can who has had a course of Norfolk summer weather. He occupies the pleasant residence No. 1739 19th street, N. W.

MAJOR H. A. BARTLETT, U. S. M. C., is spoken of as the best horseman at the Mare Island Navy-yard. The Major is passionately fond of driving, and can be seen at almost any hour of the day dashing along the beautiful roads of the island.

THE Naval Hospital, Mare Island, has now about forty patients, many being convalescents. Comdr. George R. Durand has arrived from Japan, where he had an attack of pneumonia, and Surgeon Geo. F. Winslow, from the *Monterey*, at Seattle, suffering from an abscess.

THE Peary expedition steamship, the *Falcon*, sailed July 14, from St. John's, N. F., for Labrador settlements to get dogs, and thence to Greenland. Immense crowds visited the ship at St. John's and Governor O'Brien entertained Civil Engr. Peary and wife at dinner.

JOSEPH LEPLAINE, of the French Naval Engineer Corps, and Emile Berlin, Constructor and Director of the School of Application of l'Ecole Maritime of France, are recent visitors in Washington, accompanied by M. d'Abzac, the French Consul General of New York City.

THE International Engineering Congress, to be held in connection with the World's Fair at Chicago, will open July 31. The division of Marine and Naval Engineering will be managed by Chief Engineer George W. Melville, U. S. N., Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, Navy Department.

MRS. SKERRETT, wife of Rear Admiral J. S. Skerrett, U. S. Navy, commanding the Pacific Station, sailed by a recent steamer from San Francisco for Honolulu, and arrived there after a pleasant passage of seven days. Mrs. Skerrett was accompanied by her daughter and has been received by society in Honolulu with the greatest cordiality.

THE Army and Marine Corps continue to furnish orators for public celebrations on the Pacific coast. On the Fourth of July Capt. H. C. Cochrane delivered at Farragut Hall, Vallejo, an address entitled "With Lincoln at Gettysburg," and Maj. Edward Hunter, Judge Advocate U. S. A., was announced to speak in San Francisco upon the 14th, the great French anniversary of the fall of the Bastile. Capt. Cochrane went with President Lincoln from Washington to Gettysburg in 1863, and was but a few feet from him on the platform when he delivered the short address that has become so familiar and so immortal.

LIEUTENANT B. W. ATKINSON, 6th U. S. Infantry, was at Portsmouth, Ohio, this week on regimental recruiting service.

CHAPLAIN WINFIELD SCOTT, U. S. A., lately on leave at Phœnix, Ariz., is to be examined for retirement at Fort Huachuca. He is in his fifty-seventh year.

LIEUTENANT L. S. UPTON, 21st U. S. Infantry, visited Niagara Falls and Lockport, N. Y., this week, to establish regimental recruiting rendezvous at those points.

PROFESSOR P. S. MICHIE, U. S. A., is on a visit to Eastport, Me.

MAJOR C. C. ILSLEY, 9th U. S. Cavalry, was at Glen House, N. H., July 15.

COLONEL A. PIPER U. S. A., retired, is at the Manhasset House, Suffolk county, N. Y.

CAPTAIN T. M. MCDOUGALL, U. S. A., retired, is spending the summer at Atlantic City, N. J.

CAPTAIN H. K. BAILEY, 5th U. S. Inf., has left New Orleans for Mount Vernon Barracks, La.

CAPTAIN C. R. BARNETT, U. S. A., on leave for the benefit of his health, is at Watkin's Glen, N. Y.

MAJOR J. P. KIMBALL, Med. Dept. U. S. A., has left Bar Harbor, Maine, for Fort Marcy, N. Mex.

QUARTERMASTER E. F. LADD, 9th U. S. Cavalry, of Fort Robinson, is East spending a month's leave.

MAJOR J. H. LORD, Q. M. Department, U. S. A., is located at 716 Central avenue, San Francisco, Cal.

LIEUTENANT TRABER NORMAN, 8th U. S. Infantry, has taken charge of recruiting matters at Ft. Washakie, Wyo.

LIEUTENANT G. O. CRESS, 4th U. S. Inf., has left Warsaw, Ill., for his station, Fort Walla Walla, Washington.

CAPTAIN J. F. SIMPSON, U. S. A., retired, is at Maplewood Inn, Elizabethtown, Essex county, N. Y., with his family.

MRS. E. D. BOSTICK, wife of Lieut. Bostick, U. S. N., is at Spring Lake, N. J., where she will remain until September.

ASSISTANT SURGEON D. M. APPEL, U. S. A., is on duty at Army Headquarters, Chicago, Ill., as attending surgeon.

LIEUTENANT H. G. SICKEL, 7th U. S. Cavalry, expects to leave Fort Riley next week on a short visit to the World's Fair, etc.

CAPTAIN F. D. GARRETTY, U. S. A., retired, is spending the summer at Buttonwood, R. I., being located at the Buttonwood Beach Hotel.

CAPTAIN W. H. C. BOWEN, 5th U. S. Infantry, is a recent arrival at St. Augustine, Fla., and has taken command of Co. E of his regiment at St. Francis Barracks.

CAPTAIN CHAS. E. CLARK, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., has arrived in the East from Vancouver Barracks for duty at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pa.

MAJOR SAMUEL T. CUSHING, U. S. A., has now got comfortably settled in Omaha, and is actively administering subsistence affairs in the Department of the Platte.

LIEUTENANT W. F. HANCOCK, 5th U. S. Artillery, who is on duty in New York City in connection with the World's Fair, visited friends in Washington, D. C., this week.

GENERAL LEW WALLACE is a recent visitor in New York on business connected with his forthcoming work "The Prince of India, or Why Constantinople Fell."

CAPTAIN WM. HENRY CORBUSIER, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., lately at Fort Wayne, Mich., was expected to arrive this week at Fort Supply, I. T., his new post of duty.

MAJOR JOHN F. WESTON, U. S. Army, has now got comfortably settled down to business at San Antonio and finds his new station and surroundings decidedly agreeable.

LIEUTENANT D. J. RUMBOUGH, 3d U. S. Artillery, returned to Fort Barrancas, Fla., this week, from a pleasant visit to the State encampment at Lake Como, Birmingham, Ala.

LIEUTENANT ARMAND LASSEIGNE, 14th U. S. Infantry, will bid goodbye to friends at Baton Rouge, La., in a few days, and soon join Patterson's company of his regiment at Vancouver Barracks.

GENERAL A. MCD. MCCOOK, U. S. A., is expected in Denver next week to commence from that point the exercise of the command of the Department of Colorado, which he formally assumed July 6.

LIEUTENANT JOHN L. CHAMBERLIN, 1st U. S. Artillery, just relieved from duty on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Miles at Chicago, will shortly join MacMurray's battery at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y. H.

CAPTAIN A. H. MERRILL, 1st U. S. Artillery, who is temporarily commanding Fort Columbus, N. Y., during the absence on leave at Niantic, Conn., of Major W. L. Haskin, left there July 15, to be absent for a week.

LIEUTENANT FRANK GREENE, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, under recent orders breaking up the Department of Arizona, changes commanders—from Gen. McCook to Gen. Ruger—and for the present retains station at Los Angeles.

LIEUTENANT W. F. MARTIN, 5th U. S. Infantry, a recent arrival at Jackson Barracks, La., has taken charge of quartermaster and subsistence matters therein in succession to Lieut. J. C. F. Tillson, 5th U. S. Infantry, who is in the North on leave.

THE detail of Lieut.-Col. J. W. Andrews, 25th Inf., to duty at the Infantry and Cavalry School, Fort Leavenworth, came entirely unexpected, says the Kansas City *Times*, and with reference to the changes of quarters involved, says: "The chances are that August will find most of the people about the post moving."

A TOLEDO despatch, referring to the recent departure of the Toledo Cadets, Ohio National Guard, for camp on the Midway Plaisance, Chicago, says: "The company is mounted on sixty military bicycles arranged to carry guns, knapsacks and blankets. The War Department has taken a keen interest in this experimental military bicycling. Capt. H. O. S. Heistand and Lieut. J. M. T. Partello, U. S. Army, and Adjt.-Gen. James H. Howe, of Ohio, accompany the cadets. Capt. Heistand is compiling for the War Department a report on the work done with the wheels."

LIEUTENANT J. T. HONEYCUTT, 1st U. S. Artillery, left Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., July 17, to be absent for a week.

COLONEL A. C. M. PENNINGTON, U. S. A., of Maj.-Gen. Howard's staff, is visiting relatives at Mantoloking, N. J.

GENERAL CHAS. G. SAWTELLE, U. S. A., and family left Philadelphia this week to spend until the middle of September in New England.

LIEUTENANT J. C. F. TILLSON, 5th U. S. Infantry, on leave from Jackson Barracks, La., is at present located at 839 7th street, Louisville, Ky.

CAPTAIN C. A. JOHNSON, U. S. A., retired, and Lieutenant J. M. Arrasmith, 2d U. S. Infantry, are recent visitors at Barnegat Park, N. J.

MAJOR MORI, of the Japanese Army, and Kotaro Sakura, of the Japanese Navy, were guests at the Grand Union Hotel, New York City, this week.

THE Vancouver *Independent* reports the announcement of the engagement of Lieut. Henry C. Cabell, 14th U. S. inf., to Miss Failing, of Portland, Ore.

LIEUTENANT H. A. PIPES, 7th U. S. Infantry, lately visiting at Phoenix, Arizona, for the benefit of his health, has had his sick leave extended six months.

COLONEL GUY V. HENRY, of Fort Myer, was in Philadelphia on Tuesday, attending the funeral of his friend Mr. A. J. Drexel, at whose house he was so ill last winter.

THE Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge, a Member of Congress, brother of Insp.-Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, U. S. Army, was married July 18, at Louisville, to Mrs. Louise Scott Wing.

LIEUTENANT W. L. KENLY, JR., 4th U. S. Artillery, on leave from Fort Monroe, Va., has been sojourning in the Catskill Mountains, and went this week to Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT C. C. BALLOU, 12th U. S. Infantry, lately on college duty at Lake City, Fla., is at present spending a short leave at Corning, New York, and will soon join Wotherspoon's company at Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala.

LIEUT. LEA FERIGER, 23d U. S. Inf., has returned to San Antonio from Austin, where he selected the camping ground to be occupied by the U. S. troops during the approaching encampment of Texas Volunteer Guard.

THE marriage of Miss Frances K. Small, daughter of the late Gen. M. P. Small, U. S. A., to Mr. T. P. Curtis, son of the late Col. H. P. Curtis U. S. A., is announced to take place at Christ Church, Baltimore, on Friday, August 4.

GENERAL EUGENE A. CARR, U. S. A., visited friends in New York City this week, with quarters, as customary, at the Grand Hotel. Lieuts. J. A. Goodin and C. D. Palmer, U. S. A., also registered this week at the Grand.

UNEXPECTED contingencies have compelled a postponement of the unveiling of the monument at Ft. Riley, erected to the memory of the dead at Wounded Knee and Drexel Mission, S. D., Dec. 29 and 30, 1890, until Tuesday, July 25. This date will not be changed.—*K. C. Times.*

LIEUTENANT P. P. POWELL, 9th U. S. Cavalry, at present on college duty at Peekskill, N. Y., with Mrs. Powell is enjoying a short leave. He has just returned from the sea shore and will spend the next two weeks at 21 5th Ave., New York City, after which he will visit his home in Virginia.

Harper's Weekly for July 22, contains an article by Joseph H. Choate on the life and career of the late Judge Blatchford: Illustrations of Himalayan horsemen, with an article by Colonel T. A. Dodge, U. S. A., retired, a page of illustrations of the Russian Fleet in New York waters, and other attractive features.

OLIVER STEVENS ESKRIDGE, son of Capt. R. I. Eskridge, 23d U. S. Inf., having been appointed a cadet in the Navy, and ordered to report at Annapolis, Sept. 1, for examination, will leave in a few days to enter a preparatory school at Annapolis and will carry with him the best wishes of a large number of friends.—*San Antonio Express.*

A NEWPORT R. I., correspondent writes: Lieut. Bleecker, U. S. Navy, has a pretty cottage in Jamestown. His daughters are very popular in society. Lieut. Reamey, U. S. Navy, and family will spend the summer at Jamestown on Conanicut Island. Capt. Thomas O. Selfridge, U. S. Navy, and family are at their Jamestown cottage. There is a rumor that Capt. Selfridge will succeed Capt. Bunce as commandant of the training station here.

A BAR HARBOR (Me.) correspondent writes: Col. Edgar W. Bass, U. S. A., and Mrs. Bass, of West Point, are at their Kebo Street residence, near the Malvern. On Monday, from two to five in the afternoon, a reception was given on the flagship *Etna* by the Marquis Imperiali, the Italian Minister. Rear Admiral Selfridge and Mrs. Selfridge are at the Newport, and Admiral and Mrs. Upshur, at the Mariborough. Mr. Francis Howard, son of Major-General O. O. Howard, U. S. A., is at the West End Hotel.

AN exchange says: Saturday night the electric buoys to the fair grounds were lighted successfully and for the first time Lake Michigan along Chicago's water front was a blaze of light. The buoys proved themselves to be all that was expected of them. Captains of the excursion steamers carrying passengers to the park are loud in their praise of this mode of lighting dangerous channels, and say that they never navigated a plainer route. In the daytime the red spars are plainly visible for two or three miles, depending on the clearness of the weather. Several changes were made in the system before the last trial. The alternating current was done away with and a steady current was substituted. Great praise is due to Comdr. John J. Brice, who planned the buoys, and personally superintended the work. I. W. Henry, who brought out the scheme of having the lights on one cable instead of having two cables running to each light, has made a name for himself in the electrical world.

MAJOR LAFAYETTE E. CAMPBELL, U. S. A., lately visiting in Texas, is now at Amethyst, Colo.

LIEUTENANT A. W. PERRY, 9th U. S. Cavalry, left Fort Myer, Va., July 20, to enjoy a short post leave.

GENERAL W. P. CARLIN, U. S. A., has rejoined at Vancouver Barracks from a pleasant visit to Tacoma.

SECRETARY OF WAR LAMONT and Mrs. Lamont visited in New York City this week and afterwards returned to Washington.

COLONEL C. T. ALEXANDER, Assistant Surgeon-General, U. S. A., and family, are at Bar Harbor, Me., to remain until September.

GENERAL FRANK WHEATON, U. S. A., and family, of San Antonio, have been spending a portion of the heated term at Galveston, Tex.

CAPTAIN J. A. AUGUR, 5th U. S. Cavalry, left San Antonio for the North a few days ago, to spend four months on leave of absence.

COLONEL W. H. JORDAN, U. S. A., and the Misses Jordan are visiting relatives in Chicago and at the same time taking in the World's Fair.

LIEUTENANT J. H. G. LAZELLE, 18th U. S. Infantry, of Fort Clark, Texas, is expected North about the end of July, to spend a month on leave.

COLONEL E. C. MASON, 3d U. S. Infantry, after a brief visit to Chicago, has gone to Lake City, Minn., to join his regiment in camp near that place.

LIEUTENANT H. H. WHITNEY, 4th U. S. Artillery, rejoined the Artillery Camp at Fort Monroe, Va., on Monday, July 17, from a brief leave of absence.

CAPTAIN H. P. KINGSBURY, U. S. A., of Maj.-Gen. Howard's staff, is migrating during the summer between Governor's Island and Greenwich, Conn.

MAJOR C. H. HOYT, U. S. A., has for his latest address the Baths of Lucca, Italy, and Major C. W. Foster, care U. S. Consul, Geneva, Switzerland.

COLONEL FRED. D. GRANT, who recently arrived in the United States from Europe, has been visiting ex-President Harrison at Cape May Point.

CAPTAIN EDGAR S. DUDLEY, U. S. A., and Mrs. Dudley are recent arrivals at San Antonio, Texas, which will be their home for some time to come.

COLONEL CHAS. G. BARTLETT, 9th U. S. Infantry, visited Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y., this week and made an inspection of Foote's company of his regiment.

LIEUTENANT C. B. BAKER, 7th U. S. Infantry, Aide de-camp to Gen. McCook, is a recent arrival in Denver, Colo., accompanying his chief to look over the ground.

CAPTAIN W. J. TURNER and Lieuts. H. E. Wilkins and E. R. Chrisman, 2d U. S. Inf., spent this week pleasantly at Corning, Iowa, in camp with Iowa State troops.

LIEUTENANT W. B. HOMER, 5th U.S. Artillery, left Old Point Comfort this week to spend until Aug. 30 on leave, when he will rejoin for duty at the Artillery School.

LIEUTENANT H. H. LUDLOW, 3d U. S. Artillery, at present visiting in Baltimore, will remain North for several weeks to come, and then return to Fort McPherson, Ga.

MAJOR J. W. SCULLY, Quartermaster, U. S. Army, who will soon leave Boston, Mass., for New Orleans, made a pleasant though short visit to New York City this week.

LIEUTENANT CHAS. G. DWYER, 3d U. S. Infantry, has taken charge of recruiting matters at Fort Sidney, Neb., in succession to Lieut. Munroe McFarland, 21st U. S. Inf.

CAPTAIN THOS. G. TOWNSEND, 6th U. S. Infantry, expected to leave Newport, Ky., the latter part of this week, to spend a month's leave at Warm Sulphur Springs, Va.

LIEUTENANT G. A. DETCHMENDY, 6th U. S. Infantry, was expected to leave Fort Taomas, Ky., the latter part of this week on a fortnight's visit to the World's Fair, Chicago, Ill.

CAPTAIN ALFRED MORTON, 9th U.S. Infantry, who is visiting at Chicago, has had his leave extended one month. He will rejoin at Madison Bks., Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., in September.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GARRETT J. LYDECKER, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., was expected to leave Louisville, Ky., this week, to spend until November next on leave for the benefit of his health.

GENERAL J. C. BRECKINRIDGE, U. S. A., the senior Inspector-General of the Army, who is on a Western tour, was at Vancouver Barracks a few days ago, where he was received with official honors.

MAJOR E. W. HALFORD, Paymaster, U. S. A., arrived in Omaha, Neb., this week and reported to Gen. John Brooke, Department Commander, for duty in that city. He is well pleased with his new station.

"BUGLE Notes from Cheltenham" is a reprint of Lieut. W. R. Hamilton's interesting and striking paper on military schools. It is brought out by Principal John Calvin Rice, of the Cheltenham Academy, Ogontz.

A GENERAL Court-martial was to organize at Fort Reno, O. T., on Friday of this week, with Col. Anson Mills as president and Lt. Eben Swift as judge advocate, for the trial of Capt. J. O. Mackay, 3d U. S. Cav.

COLONEL JUAN CERON, in command of the Mexican troops at Nueva Laredo, has been appointed brigadier-general. It was largely through General Ceron's efforts that the depredations of the Garza revolutionists in Mexico were suppressed.

LIEUTENANT W. A. CAMPBELL, 9th U. S. Infantry, who is now spending a short vacation at Denver, Colo., gave a dinner party at the St. James Hotel in that city on July 14, to celebrate his graduation in law and admission to the bar. Many of Denver's best citizens were present on this enjoyable occasion.

ADJUTANT CHAS. BYRNE, 6th U. S. Infantry, left Fort Taomas, Ky., July 17, to be absent for a week. During his absence, Lieut. Charles G. Morton, 6th Inf., is doing adjutant's duty.

CAPTAIN J. W. DILLENBACK, 1st U. S. Artillery, will start with his light battery on the march from Fort Hamilton to the State Camp at Peekskill, N. Y., about July 28, and will return about August 8.

LIEUTENANTS J. B. ERWIN, 4th U. S. Cav., D. J. Rumbough, 3d U. S. Art., and C. C. Smith, 2d U. S. Cav., were in camp with the Alabama State troops at Lake Como, Ala., July 12, where they were detailed as instructors. They were pleasantly received, and their visit was beneficial to the troops in camp.

THE *Nashville Daily American*, July 7, says: "Miss Janie Seay, one of Nashville's most popular and accomplished young ladies, has left to visit her brother, Lieut. Samuel Seay, Jr., who is stationed at Fort Sidney, Neb. Miss Seay expects to be absent some time, and will return with Lieut. Seay via Chicago, where she will take in the Fair.

THE Omaha *Excelsior* has these items: Col. E. V. Sumner is in town on his way to Fort Meade. Lieut. Sam T. Cushing, U. S. A., was at the Paxton this week. Gen. and Mrs. Brooke have returned from their Western trip to Fort McKinney, where the General inspected the post. They went in a special car and took a merry party with them, who had a most delightful outing.

THE European edition of the *Herald*, referring to the fact that several papers in the United States have reported that Mrs. Nellie G. Sartoris's little girl was preparing for the stage, says: "We have the best authority for saying that there is no foundation whatever for the report and that the question has never been considered in the family."

COLONEL R. T. FRANK, U. S. A., Commandant of the Artillery School, in relieving Capt. W. L. Alexander, C. S., from duty, at Fort Monroe, expresses "his appreciation of the zeal, fidelity and marked business capacity with which he has performed the important duties devolving upon him, in connection with the post and the Artillery School, during the past four years, and his regrets at severing official and personal relations that have been so agreeable."

THE California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution includes the following members from the Army and Navy: *Army*—Maj. Edward Hunter, Judge Advocate; Capt. A. W. Corliss, 8th Infantry; Capt. Frank K. Upham, retired; Lieut. James E. Sawyer, 5th Artillery; Lieut. Henry C. Cabell, 4th Infantry; Chaplain Chas. M. Blake, retired—recently deceased. *Navy*—Chief Engineer John W. Moore, Lieut. Taomas S. Phelps Jr., Ensign John H. Dayton, Frank Thurton Arms, Esq.

BREVET COLONEL JENYNS C. BATTERSBY, late of the 1st New York (Lincoln) Cavalry, has been engaged for the past five years in painting a large equestrian and historical picture of the surrender of Lee at Appomatox. The picture is a fine piece of work, and will shortly be shipped to Chicago, where it will be placed on exhibition. The faces of all the officers in the picture are copied from war time photographs, and form a most interesting study.

CHAPLAIN C. C. BATEMAN, U. S. A., made an eloquent address before the Regular Army and Navy Union at their observance in Chicago recently of "Patriotic Sunday." In the course of his remarks, Chaplain Bateman said emphatically, that he "stood there to protest against the charge that the soldiers of the Regular Army were all drunkards and irresponsible men, and declare it utterly false." Chaplain Simpson, U. S. A. made the opening prayer, and Chaplain Allensworth, U. S. A., pronounced the benediction.

THE Omaha *Excelsior* publishes an excellent likeness of Major-General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., with the subscription: "The new President of the Army of the Potomac is General Miles, the famous Indian fighter. He never studied a day at West Point and rose to his present high position for conspicuous gallantry during the rebellion and the Indian wars of the last twenty-five years. He fought in every battle with the Army of the Potomac except one."

GENERAL BUTTERFIELD, Col. Stegman, and Clinton Beckwith, the commission appointed to locate sites for monuments on Chickamauga and Chattanooga battle fields at points where the New York State troops made records, met in Albany July 18 and organized by electing Gen. Butterfield President and L. W. Kingman, Secretary. Gov. Flower was asked to write to Secretary of War Lamont, to detail Col. Robert H. Hall, 4th U.S. Infantry, who was on Gen. Hooker's staff, to assist in selecting the monument sites.

LAST week we published the official gazette of casualties from the A. G. O., dated July 10, 1893, in which was reported: "Captain John W. Martin, retired, died July 4, 1893, at Poland Springs, Me." How this report originated we do not know, but it is with pleasure we have received a letter from a sister of Capt. Martin, who says: "My brother, Capt. John W. Martin, is living at Geneva, N. Y., in his usual health. A John W. Martin, of Rochester, (no relation) died at Poland Springs about that time from whence the mistake probably arose." There is but one Captain John W. Martin on the Army Register.

MRS. FRANCES A. MCCOY, mother of Lieut. Frank B. McCoy, 3d U. S. Infantry, died July 13 at Augusta, Ga. The Augusta *Chronicle*, referring to the death, says: "The deceased was born in May, 1821, was reared and married here, and lived here all her life, except a part of last year, which she spent in Charleston with her son, Mr. Charles D. McCoy. Her character was beautiful, her disposition noble, with charity for all. No one ever heard her speak an unkind word of another. Her youngest son, Lieut. McCoy, although in camp with his regiment, more than 300 miles west of Chicago, commenced his long journey Sunday night within an hour of the receipt of the telegram announcing his mother's desperate illness, and was fortunate in getting here Tuesday night in time to receive her blessing. It was a race with the dark angel, and he won."

MRS. G. NORMAN LIEBER and family are at Connecticut, R. I.

COLONEL M. V. SHERIDAN, U. S. A., left Omaha this week for the East, to spend until the end of September on leave.

GENERAL JOHN G. WALKER, formerly Captain Mounted Rifles, U. S. A., and who resigned in 1861 to join the Confederacy, died at Washington, D. C., July 19.

CAPTAIN C. E NORDSTROM, 10th Cav.; 1st Lieuts. Wm. Hancock, 5th Art., J. H. Duval, 18th Inf., and C. E Ballou, 12th Inf., registered at the War Department this week.

AMONG those who contributed "words of cheer to the recent congress of the youth of the world at Chicago were Major-General O. O. Howard and Colonel Fred. D. Grant.

A MEXICAN despatch of July 19 says: "General Marino Escobedo, the greatest living General of Mexico, is seriously ill with pleurisy, and very little hope of his recovery is entertained.

Lieut. Barr testified: "I heard Admiral Markham say, 'The manœuvre is impossible,' and then later: 'They mean it, Johnstone; we shall have to do it.'" Lieut. Barr admitted that the Camperdown could turn within 600 yards by using her screws, but to do so would have had to go contrary to the signalled orders.

The next important test at Indian Head will be an attack upon a 13 inch armor plate, Harveyized, and there is considerable curiosity to see whether it will surpass the 17-inch plate not so treated, which was recently attacked.

Prior to the late armor tests at Indian Head two 12 inch Carpenter projectiles had been tested, we learn, against a Creusot plate, and with results entirely satisfactory, thus foretelling the excellent showing made against the 17-inch Bethlehem plate, as duly recorded in our columns.

IN the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL of July 8 last—but two weeks ago—we chronicled the marriage at Fort Supply, I. T., of Lieutenant |C. C. Ogden, 13th U. S. Infantry, to Miss Auman, daughter of Captain William Auman, of the same regiment. To-day we have to report the death of the young husband. "A dispatch of July 20th from Detroit, Mich., says: Lieut. Ogden, 13th U. S. Infantry, was drowned to-day near Hamburg, Mich., the home of ex-Governor Winans. He was on his wedding tour."

THE will of the late Gen. Kelton is in his own handwriting and was executed June 21, 1892. He leaves to his wife his household furniture, books, plate, moneys, including $10,000 insurance on his life, and his interest in patents secured in his name. The widow is named as executrix.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., July 19, 1893.

THE second class gave a german last Saturday night, which was even more successful than the one given on July first. Cadet Marshall led. Among the visiting young ladies present were the Misses Reeder of Washington, Miss McLaughlin of Philadelphia, Miss Virginia Wilson of Baltimore, and Miss Sampson of Washington.

Among the new officers now on duty are: Lieutenant Doyle, Ensign Hurlburt, and Passed Assistant Engineer Bartlett.

Assistant Engineer and Mrs. B. C. Sampson have returned to the city.

Steam launch drill will take place during the afternoons of this week. This contraction of the summer course will enable the cadets now at the Academy to go on leave about August 4.

Lieutenant A. M. Knight left on the 14th for Chicago.

The following is a list of candidates for admission to the Naval Academy who have been authorized to report for examination at Annapolis on September 1. With three or four exceptions, these are all the appointments due this year:

O. D. Duncan, 7th Ala.; E. A. Koopman, alt.; W. A. Robinson, 9th Ala.; L. A. Morgan, alt.; W. R. White, Arizona, at large; J. E. Jeffries, 1st Ark.; J. H. Davis, alt.; G. Webber, 3d Ark.; J. B. Darby, alt.; H. L. Furry, 6th Ark; D. A. Adams, alt.; C. R. Miller, 5th Cal.; Oscar Torbiner, alt.; W. M. Thomeson, 7th Col.; J. S. Graham, 2d Col.; A. C. Owen, Dist. of Col.; F. L. Sheffield, 2d Ga.; W. H. Reynolds, 11th Ga.; P. Graham, 6th Ill.; L. Spencerley, alt.; M. Schmidt, 4th Ala.; W. H. Rittig, alt.; F. Paul, 10th Ill.; L. F. Wilcott, alt.; C. C. Jewell, 12th Ill.; E. Williams, alt.; Paul Williams, 16th Ill.; W. M Shockford, 18th Ill.; O. S. Eskridge, 19th Ill.; C. F. Buford, Ill., at large; Scott Applewaite, 3d Ind.; H. Williams, 6th Ind.; R. S. Charles, alt.; D. H. Bynum, 7th Ind.; H. P. Perrill, 9th Ind.; H. E. Yarnell, 3d Ia.; C. H. Mullen, alt.; D. N. Pattison, 4th Ia.; A. D. C. Smith Jr., 5th Ia.; Wm. N. Moffatt, alt.; W. R. Wells, 6 h Ia.; W. E. Foster, alt.; A. McCartey, 7th Ia.; E. R. Lawless, alt.; N. L. Rider, 8th Ia.; H. Robinson, 10th Ia.; J. E. Boyle, 1st Kas.; A. L. Benton, alt.; C. P. Bolmar, 4th Kas.

H. M. Gleason, alt.; J. F. Landis, 7th Kans.; E. B. Laimer, Kas. at large; W. L. Tyler, 2d Ky.; O. S. Hord, 9th Ky.; E. Johnson, Jr., 3d Me.; A. M. Robinson, alt.; E.F. Cordell, 2d Md.; H. N. Novier, alt.; C. C. Roebie, 3d Md.; J. F. Hildrey, 6th Me.; J. W. Morse, 4th Mass; E. H. Shaw, Jr., alt.; J. A. O'Neil, 6 h Mass.; H. T. Mullaril, 10th Mass.; H. G. Gruen, alt.; D. S. Mahoney, 1st Mich.; F. W. Schiebener, alt.; Frank Forte, 3d Mich.; W. R. Jewett, alt.; C. H. Webber, 5th Mich.; C. S. Harley, alt.; B. Esser, 8th Mich.; R. C. McKay, alt.; L. A. Sargent, 4th Minn.; M. A. Burns, alt.; E. T. Risbute, 7th Minn.; E. C. Weinerlund, alt.; N. L. Jones, 2d Miss.; Wm. Hill, 3d Mo.; R. S. Roehl, 14th Mo.; L. M. Overstreet, 4th Neb.; H. H. Wells, alt.; N. J. Shelton, 5th Neb.; P. B. Cooper 4th N. J.; W. C. Asserson, 4th N. Y.; H. A. Robicon, alt.; J. Falk, 14th N. Y.; W. Seely, alt.; E. H. Martin, 16th N. Y.; J. F. O'Hyar, alt.; L. F. Allen, 33d N. Y.; A. Eisbein, alt.; A. H. Boge, 2d Ohio; C. M. Hunter, 4th Ohio; F. A. Levering, alt.; H. K. Taylor, 6th Ohio; R. C. Sying, alt.; W. M. Faulkner, 7th Ohio; C. A. Miller, alt.; C. C. Rutlidge, 8 h Ohio.

J. B Tonkin, 9th Ohio; B. B. Brown, Alt; A. G. Murfin, 10th Ohio; J. A. Halbut, 11th Ohio; C. L. Buchanan, 12th Ohio; R. W. Henderson, Alt.; J. Reefe Sneider, 13th Ohio; D. C. Ogden, 20th Ohio; R. F. Mocine, 1st Ore.; C. A. Purdon, Alt.; C. J. Naylor, 5th Pa.; E. T. Hoopes, 10th Pa.; E. B. March, Alt.; J. N. Graem, 12th Pa.; A. G. McKnight, Alt.; J. N. Graem, 12th Pa.; O. G. McKnight, alt.; R. W. Adams 13th Pa.; D. B. Mills, 19th Pa.; A. J. Hepburn, alt.; C. T. Owen 21st Pa.; J. A. Hooper, alt.; I. L. Collins, 22d Pa.; C. E. O'Leary, alt.; J. W. Eobody, Pa., at large; Y. S. Williams, 2d S. C.; L. G. Beaty, alt.; L. C. Richardson, 3d S. C.; R. S Patrick, alt.; F. A. Clough, S. Dak., at large; L. R. Long, 7th Tenn.; R. C. Williamson, 10 h Tenn.; W. T. Tarrant, 9th Tex.; J. W. Tottenham, 18th Tex.; B. T. Theleen, 1st Wis.; R. A. Chamberlin, alt.; M. F. Chase, 3d Wis.; G. W. Fuller, alt.; B. Dadman, 4 h Wis.; F. Arnold, Jr., 7th Wis.; W. R. Clarke, alt.; D. C. Haurah, 8th Wis.; H. N. Jenson, 10th Wis. [T. H. Parker, alt.

THE NAVY

HILARY A. HERBERT, *Secretary of the Navy.*

WILLIAM McADOO, *Assistant Secretary.*

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHERE AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atlantic Station.—R.-Admi. A.E.K.Benham.

SAN FRANCISCO, flagship, 2d rate, 12 guns, Captain J. C. Watson. Left Boston July 18 for a week's cruise at sea with the naval militia of Massachusetts and later will cruise with the Pennsylvania and a part of the New York militia.

ATLANTA, 2d rate, 8 guns, At Norfolk. Placed out of commission July 19.

MIANTONOMOH, monitor, 2d rate, 4 guns, Captain Montgomery Sicard, comdg. At New York. Left Boston July 18 with naval militia.

VESUVIUS, 4th rate, 3 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt.-Comdr. Frank Courtis comdg. At New York Navy-yard repairing.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. At Portsmouth. N. H., for repairs.

DETROIT, 10 guns. Comdr. W. H. Brownson. At Norfolk Navy-yard. Placed in commission July 20. Will require several weeks fitting out. Will then proceed to New York for her torpedo appliances and later will have experiments with Whitehead torpedoes. This will be the first vessel fitted with the automobile torpedoes.

European Station.—A.-R.-Admi. Henry Erben.

CHICAGO, 2d rate, 14 guns, flagship, Capt. A. T. Mahan. At Kingston, Ireland, July 15. Will touch at other Irish ports and later cruise in North Sea. Address care B. F. Stevens, London, Eng.

S. Atl. Station.—Actg.-R.-Admi. O. F. Stanton

The mail matter for ships on this station should be addressed "Care of the United States Consul, Montevideo, Uruguay, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London." Letters sent to Rio Janeiro are frequently subjected to very long delays, owing to fumigation and other reasons.

NEWARK, flagship, 2d rate, 12 guns. Captain S. W. Terry. At Norfolk repairing. Will sail for South Atlantic Station Aug. 15.

YANTIC, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. H. W. Lyon. Montevideo, Uruguay, June 9.

Pacific Station—Acting Rear Admiral J. S. Skerrett.

Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. unless otherwise noted.

Mail for Behring Sea fleet should be addressed to Sitka via Port Townsend, Washington, until further orders.

ADAMS, 3d rate. Comdr. Thomas Nelson. At Honolulu. H. I., May 30.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. W. H. Whiting. At Callao at last accounts. Ordered July 15th to proceed without delay to Corinto, Nicaragua, where it arrived on the 20th.

BOSTON, flagship, 2d rate. 8 guns, Captain B. F. Day. At Honolulu, H. I. Will remain at Honolulu until relieved by the *Philadelphia*, now on her way to the Samoan Islands. This can hardly be before Christmas. The *Boston* will then proceed direct to San Francisco and receive an extensive overhauling.

Under date of Honolulu, July 7, we have received the following letter from the sailors and marines of the *Boston*: "The sailors and marines of the U. S. S. *Boston* desire to thank Lieut. and Mrs. E. K. Moore for their kindness in keeping them supplied with newspapers for the past two and a half years. While making our dreary cruise from New York to Chili and during our long stay in Peru, Lieut. Moore furnished us with his own papers, and while they were yet new and readable. No waiting a month for old wardroom papers. During our encampment in Honolulu (during the recent revolution) Mrs. E. K. Moore kept us generously and regularly supplied with home papers and magazines, and has done so up to present date. She leaves by steamer of the 19th, and we wish to take this public way of thanking her for her consideration of us; and we tender to both her and her husband our thanks and hearty appreciation for their generosity toward us. We give three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and our best wishes for their happiness and health. Bon voyage to Mrs. Moore from her many grateful friends on the U. S. S. *Boston*.

THETIS, 3d rate, 2 machine guns. Lieut. Comdr. C. T. Hutchins. At Mare Island, Cal. Reported ready for sea.

MONTEREY.—Coast defence vessel, 4 guns, Capt. Louis Kempff, comd'g. Arrived at Portland, Oregon, July 15. Will visit numerous ports in Puget Sound and later in the summer will cruise with the California naval reserve.

PHILADELPHIA, 2d rate, 12 guns. Capt. A S. Barker. Arrived at Rio July 10. As soon as coaled will sail for Valparaiso where she will receive orders directing her to proceed to Samoa.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain Henry F. Picking. At Norfolk Navy-yard to undergo repairs preliminary to return to Pacific station. Will sail this week for Valparaiso and thence to Callao. Her first coaling place en route will probably be Rio.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander P. F. Harrington. At New York Navy Yard. Sailed July 20 for Barbadoe on her way to the Pacific. She has a crew of 190 men. The following is a list of officers: Commander P. F. Harrington, commanding; Lieut. A. B. Spevers, executive officer; Lieut. H. F. Fichbohm, navigator; Lieuts. W. G. Cutler, C. J. Bousb and W. A. Gill; Ensigns H. A. Field and R. H. Jackson; Chief Engineer A. B. Bates, Passed Assistant Paymaster J. R. Martin, Assistant Engineer A. Moritz and Surgeon G. E. H. Harmon.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Admi. John Irwin.

Address all mail Yokohama, Japan.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. G. M. Book. At Caemulpo June 6. Ordered to Mare Island, Cal., to arrive not later than Sept. 30. The time of her officers and men will expire Oct. 9. She will be placed out of commission and her machinery extensively overhauled.

LANCASTER, 3d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. A. H. McCormick. At Yokohama June 1.

MONOCACY, 3d rate 6 guns, Comdr. F. M. Barber. Arrived at Hankow June 6.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns. Comdr. C. V. Gridley. At Chinkiang June 1.

BALTIMORE, flagship, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. W. R. Bridgman. At New York Navy-yard. Will be repaired and then ordered to China as flagship of the Asiatic Station. Will sail via Suez Canal.

CONCORD, 3d rate. 6 guns. Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. Sailed July 3 for China Station via Suez Canal.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

PORTSMOUTH. 12 guns. Comdr. C. J. Barclay. At Newport, R. I. Sailed July 3 for summer cruise in European waters. Address mail care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar square, London, Eng.

RICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns. Capt. F. M. Bunce. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys).

MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. Captain J. R. Bartlett. At dock foot of West 50th street, N. Y. City. P. O. Station G, New York. Comdr. E. M. Shephard ordered to command.

MONONGAHELA. Comdr. Francis W. Dickins, At Newport, R. I., preparing for European cruise with apprentice boys. Will sail during the month.

On Special Service.

AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander C. M. Thomas. At New York. Still unassigned.

BANCROFT, practice cruiser, Lieut.-Comdr. Asa Walker. Successfully concluded her final trial under Inspection Board on Monday. Left New York July 20 for Annapolis, where she will be turned over to Superintendent of Naval Academy, her present officers detached and reofficered by officers of the Academy for a short cruise with cadets.

CUSHING, torpedo boat, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher commanding. Address Newport, R. I.

CONSTELLATION, 10 guns (practice ship of Naval Academy). Comdr. C. M. Chester. Arrived at Funchal, Madeira, July 13. If health of port permits will next visit Lisbon. Returning will touch at Madeira, and, if practicable, the Canary Islands. The vessel should return to Annapolis not later than Sept. 1.

Mail for *Constellation* should be addressed care B. F Stevens, London, until further orders.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, despatch boat, 2 guns. Lieut. B. H. Buckingham. Left Washington Navy-yard with Secretary Herbert on board for a cruise to navy-yards and stations along New England coast. At Newprot July 20.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns. Comdr. J. F. Merry. The *Enterprise* was to sail from Boston, Mass., Saturday, July 1, for Southampton, Eng., thence to Havre, Lisbon, Gibraltar, Madeira and Canary Islands, and home, via St. Thomas, reaching Boston about Nov. 1.

FERN, fourth rate despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Gibson. At New York at last accounts. To sail July 12 for Portsmouth, N. H.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 Gatlings). Lt. Comdr. R. M. Berry. At Chicago.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Comdr. Nicoll Ludlow. Sailed from Port Townsend May 30 for Bering Sea. Press despatches report an improbable story of the *Mohican* having been fired into by a poaching steamer and temporarily disabled, so that she was unable to capture the piratical craft. Nothing official has been received at the Navy Department, and the report is not generally credited. Reported at Semoi Point, Alaska, June 27.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dayton. At Unalaska June 2. Address, care Pay Office, San Francisco.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. W. T. Burwell. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts.

RANGER, 3d rate, Commander E. Longnecker. Cruising in Bering Sea.

STILETTO.—Torpedo Boat, Lieut. Roy Smith. At Newport, R. I.

SARATOGA, Lt. Comdr. E. T. Strong. Nautical schoolship of Pennsylvania. On her annual cruise. Will visit Portugal and Spain. Address care B. F. Stevens, Trafalgar Square, London, Eng.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York. Unless an appropriation is forthcoming from New York there will be no cruise this year.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Comdr. E. S. Houston. Receiving-ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 80 guns, Capt. Merrill Miller. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Capt. C. S. Cotton. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

ST. LOUIS, sails, Comdr. C. H. Rockwell. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. J. N. Miller. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WABASH, 20 guns, Capt. Jas. O'Kane. Receiving ship, Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clads *Ajax*, *Catskill*, *Canonicus*, *Lehigh*, *Mahopac*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr G. W. Pigman, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O address, Richmond, Va.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

THE U. S. revenue cutter *Richard Rush* has seized two American seal poachers in Bering Sea.

ACCORDING to the N. Y. *Times*, Russia proposes to establish a regular station for her warships in New York waters.

THE U. S. S. *Petrel* will probably return to the China Station early in October, and will not touch at an American port en route.

THE U. S. S. *Atlanta* was placed out of commission at the Norfolk Navy-yard on July 18. She will receive extensive repairs.

A STEAMER sails from San Francisco on July 30 for Unalaska, carrying the mails for the fleet in Bering Sea. Mail leaving the East July 24 will be in time to catch this mail. All mail destined for this steamer should be addressed in care of the Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

U. S. NAVY Regulation Circular No. 5, July 12, 1893, gives instructions for the painting of hulls of iron and steel vessels as well as the masts, bowsprits, yards, smokestacks, etc.

A GENERAL court-martial, of which Lieut. Thos. T. Phelps, U. S. N., is the senior member, and Capt. O. C. Berryman, U. S. M. C., Judge Advocate, has been ordered to assemble at Mare Island for the trial of Private Mark S. Beecher, U. S. M. C., a surrendered deserter.

THE *Monongahela* arrived at Newport July 21 and will sail for Portsmouth, N. H., on Monday, where Comdr. Dickins will assume command. The itinerary of her cruise will be Ireland, England, Portugal, Cadiz, Madeira, and home on Nov. 1. The *Monocacy* left Hankow for Chinkiang July 21. The *Marion* arrived at Chemulpo, Korea, July 21, relieving the *Alert*, which has sailed presumably for Yokohama to prepare for her homeward cruise. She is due in San Francisco Sept. 30. The *Dolphin* arrived at Newport July 20. The *Bancroft* arrived at Annapolis July 21. The *Machias* was placed in commission at Portsmouth and the *Detroit* at Norfolk July 20.

NAVY GAZETTE

Ordered.

JULY 15.—Lieut. John T. Newton, to the training ship Richmond.

Lieuts. B. T. Walling and Harry Phelps, and Ensign G. N. Hayward, for instruction and exercise in Automobile torpedoes at Newport, R. I., and when discharged to resume present duties.

JULY 17.—Comdr. F. W. Dickens, to hold himself in readiness to command the Monongahela.

Lieut. Charles C. Rogers, to the Detroit July 21.

Medical Inspector George H. Cook, to duty at the Navy yard, League Island, Pa.

Asst. Surg. C. DeW. Brownell, to the receiving ship St. Louis.

Comdr. Geo. A. Converse and Lieut. R. C. Smith, to visit New London, Ct., to witness and report upon the Cunningham torpedo.

Assistant Surgeon S. G. Evans, to the Naval Home, Pa.

Pay Director Casper Schenck, to continue on duty at the Naval Academy until further orders.

JULY 18.—Lieut. T. M. Brumby, to temporary duty on the receiving ship St. Louis and to hold himself in readiness for orders to the New York.

Surgeon W. G. Farwell, to temporary duty on the receiving ship Franklin.

Lieut. F. J. Drake, to duty in connection with the battery of the Montgomery, preliminary to orders as executive of that vessel.

Chief Engineer A. S. Greene, to appear before the Retiring Board.

JULY 20.—Lieutenant John Bernadou, to the Bennington.

Chief Engr. Hugh H. Cline, to the Charleston.

JULY 21.—Lieutenant G. H. Stafford, to the Baltimore.

Detached.

JULY 15.—Lieut. S. L. Graham, from the Bancroft and placed on sick leave.

Lieut. Edward Lloyd, from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Naval Station at Newport, R. I., for instruction and exercise in Automobile torpedoes, and to hold himself in readiness for orders to the Detroit.

Ensigns G. W. Williams and W. A. Snow, from the Atlanta, when she goes out of commission and ordered to the receiving ship St. Louis.

P. A. Surgeon T. B. Bailey, from the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, and ordered to the Machias.

JULY 17.—Comdr. W. H. Brownson, as General Inspector of the Detroit and ordered to command that vessel July 20.

Lieut. T. C. McLean, Ensign C. B. Brittain, Chief Engr. Geo. W. Roche, P. A. Engr. C. A. E. King, and Asst. Engr. D. E. Dismukes, from duty in connection with the Detroit and ordered to duty on board that vessel July 20.

Lieut. S. W. B. Diehl, from duty in the Bureau of Equipment and ordered to the Detroit July 20.

Lieut. Kossuth Niles, from duty in the Bureau of Ordnance and ordered to the Detroit July 20.

Naval Cadets John H. Russell, A. R. Davis, J. F. Hines, F. A. Traut, R. K. Crank, and Luke McNamee, from the Atlanta, when she goes out of commission, ordered on board the receiving ship St. Louis, and to hold themselves in readiness for orders to the New York.

Chief Engr. H. H. Cline, from the Atlanta and ordered to the Charleston.

Asst. Paymaster G. W. Simpson, from duty at the Navy-yard New York, and ordered to the Detroit on July 21.

P. A. Surgeon A. R. Wentworth, from the Atlanta and place on waiting orders.

Medical Inspector W. H. Jones from the Navy-yard, League Island and placed on waiting orders.

Surg. S. H. Dickson, from duty at the Headquarters of the Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., and ordered to temporary duty on the Dolphin.

JULY 18.—Surgeon C. T. Hibbett, from the Franklin and ordered to the Detroit.

Boatswain Patrick Haley, from the Navy-yard, Mare Island and granted leave for two months.

JULY 19.—Comdr. T. A. Lyons, from the command of the Monongahela and granted sick leave.

Lieut.-Comdr. Asa Walker, from the command of the Bancroft upon her arrival at the Naval Academy, and ordered to duty at that place.

Lieut. John Hood, from the Bancroft upon her arrival at the Naval Academy and ordered to the Kearsarge.

Lieut. M. C. Gorgas, Naval Cadets L. J. Magill, W. S. Crosley, M. B. Peugnet, W. G. Powell, and J. P. J. Ryan, from the Bancroft upon her arrival at the Naval Academy and ordered to the Detroit.

P. A. Engr. H. S. Griffin, from the Bancroft upon her arrival at the Naval Academy, and ordered to duty in the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

P. A. Engr. Stacey Potts, from the Newark and granted sick leave.

P. A. Surg. H. N. T. Harris, from the Bancroft and placed on on waiting orders.

JULY 20.—Lieut. Chas. E. Colahan, from the Bennington and granted three months leave.

Lieut. W. L. Burdick, from the Coast Survey steamer Bache and granted three months leave.

JULY 21.—Ensign L. S. Van Duzer, from the Miantonomoh and ordered to the Charleston and then to the Yantic.

Ensign F. H. Brown, from the Yantic upon the reporting of his relief and granted three months leave.

Revoked.

JULY 15.—The orders of Ensign W. L. Dodd, of July 11, to the receiving ship Franklin, and to hold himself in readiness for orders to the Detroit. He will report for duty with the just commissioned steamer, Fish Hawk.

Leave.

JULY 17.—Capt. B. J. Cromwell, 30 days, from August 1.

JULY 18.—Lieut.-Comdr. W. W. Rhoades, granted two months leave on account of sickness.

Leave for six months, with permission to leave the United States, has been granted Surgeon James H. Gaines, retired.

JULY 20.—Leave granted Medical Director N. L. Bates, 30 days; P. A. Surgeon F. A. Hesler, one month.

Resigned.

Lieutenant Wm. P. Clason, resigned July 21.

MARINE CORPS.

JULY 15.—Col. James Forney, at Brooklyn, N. Y., granted leave of absence for six weeks from August 1.

JULY 17.—Captain W. S. Muse, at Norfolk, Va., granted leave of absence for one month from July 19.

JULY 18.—2d Lieutenant W. C. Neville, at Washington Barracks, granted leave for one week from July 19.

1st Lieut W. P. Biddle, at League Island, granted leave for two weeks from July 24.

1st Lieut. Thos. N. Wood, at Brooklyn, granted leave for one month, from Aug. 15.

JULY 19.—Lieut. Murphy, having reported, he is granted leave for one month from this date.

U. S. NAVY REGULATION CIRCULAR NO. 6.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, July 12, 1893.

Article 27. In last line erase "and," after "petty officers," add "and non-commissioned officers of the Marine Corps."

Art. 56. Paragraph 1 is amended as follows: Fourth line, omit the words "senior officer on board," and substitute "flag officer and captain."

Art. 63. Amended as follows: Fourth line, omit the words "senior officer on board," and substitute "flag officer and captain."

Art. 227. Add the following paragraph: 2. "Officers shall not perform travel on Government duty, unless said travel has been authorized by proper authority, except in cases of emergency, and when there is not time to communicate with the Department by telegraph."

Art. 237. Add the following paragraph: 8. "Commendatory letters in regard to officers, except as provided for warrant officers in Article 1688 of these regulations, are forbidden."

Art. 286. In the second line substitute the word "through" for "to."

Art. 386. Strike out marginal reference and substitute "Telegraph movements of ships."

Art. 387. To marginal reference, add the words "Bill of health."

Art. 1070. Strike out and substitute the following: "Ensigns, not watch and division officers, and officers of the Navy and Marine Corps, having the relative rank of ensign, naval cadets, and clerks, shall occupy the steerage."

Art. 1143. Strike out and substitute the following: I. "In order that the Naval Academy records of the physical condition of naval cadets may be complete, and that the Board of Medical Officers making the final examinations of cadets before final graduation may have all necessary information, the senior medical officer shall—when cadets are detached from seagoing ships, either for transfer to other ships, or to return to the United States, or upon the completion of a cruise—make duplicate reports to the captain, of the physical condition of the naval cadets during their service on board said ship, and at its termination; also, a full account of all cases of illness or injuries that may have occurred to them. 2. These reports will be forwarded by the captain to the Navy Department."

Art. 1391. 1. Strike out all after words "three medical officers," in second line.

Art. 1394. Strike out and substitute the following: 1. "When a person surveyed is reported unfit for duty, and the report of the survey is approved by the officer ordering it, the recommendation of the Board as approved, shall be carried out as soon as practicable, except in cases involving discharge, travel or leave, which shall be referred to the Department. 2. Final action upon surveys held outside of the limits of the United States, or upon foreign stations, will be taken by the senior officer present, except in cases of discharge."

NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, July 13, 1893.

General Order No. 416.

THE following extract from the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1893, and the rules established by the President in accordance with its provisions, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That * * * in time of peace the President may in his discretion, and under such rules and upon such conditions as he may prescribe, permit any enlisted man to purchase his discharge from the Navy or Marine Corps, the amounts received therefrom to be covered into the Treasury. * * * Approved March 3, 1893."

No enlisted man of the Marine Corps can purchase his discharge while he is in debt to the Government, or until he has served at least one year of his enlistment.

Applications for discharge by purchase will be made to the Colonel Commandant, through the proper channels, to be referred by him to the Secretary of the Navy.

Applicants for discharge by purchase on foreign stations must state in their applications that they waive all claims to transportation or consular aid.

The price of discharge during the thirteenth month of the first enlistment will be $100, and thereafter, until the expiration of two years from the date of enlistment, one per cent. per month of the total yearly pay of the applicant, in addition to the sum of $100 above mentioned. Beginning with the third year of enlistment, the maximum price then reached, will be decreased by two per cent. per month of the total yearly pay until four years of the enlistment have expired, when the price of discharge will remain the same until the expiration of the enlistment.

The price of discharge in the first re-enlistment will be fifty dollars ($50) during the thirteenth month, and thereafter, until the expiration of two years from the date of re-enlistment, one and one-half per cent. per month of the total yearly pay of the applicant, in addition to the sum of fifty dollars ($50) above mentioned. Beginning with the third year of the re-enlistment, the maximum price then reached, will be decreased by one per cent. per month of the total yearly pay until four years of the enlistment have expired, when the price of discharge will remain the same until the expiration of the re-enlistment.

The price of discharge in the second re-enlistment during the thirteenth month will be forty dollars ($40), and will be increased and decreased thereafter as during the first re-enlistment.

After fifteen years service men may be discharged upon settlement of accounts, if the interests of the service will permit.

Men serving in a second or third enlistment, but who are not receiving the benefits of re-enlistment pay, will be treated as though serving in their first enlistment.

No enlisted man will be allowed to purchase his discharge a second time.

Applications for discharge by purchase will not be considered unless based upon valid reasons, which must be fully set forth by the applicant and verified, if practicable, by the commanding officer.

Discharge by purchase is not an inherent right, but a privilege which may be granted by the Navy Department.

No discharge by purchase will be delivered to a man unless the amount due the United States for such purchase (giving credits for retained pay, detained pay, and undrawn clothing, which will be entered on the final statements of account by the Paymaster, U. S. Marine Corps) is paid to the soldier's immediate commanding officer, who will at once forward such amount to the Paymaster, U. S. Marine Corps, to be turned into the Treasury of the United States.

Enlisted men, discharged as herein provided, shall not receive the travel allowances provided in Section 1290, Revised Statutes, and they shall be debarred from again enlisting in the U. S. Marine Corps for two months from the date of discharge.

H. A. HERBERT, Secretary of the Navy.

G. O. 3, Hdqrs. U.S.M.C., Washington, D. C., June 27, 1893, publishes tables of prices of clothing, accoutrements, equipage, etc., for the U. S. Marine Corps; also the money allowances for clothing per year for enlisted men (active and retired), and the yearly allowance of equipage for the different posts, for the information and guidance of all concerned, which will take effect from July 1, 1893, and remain in force until June 30, 1894.

THE MARINES COMPLIMENTED.

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN COMMISSION,
OFFICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EXPOSITION,
CHICAGO, Ill., U. S. A., July 12, 1893.
Administration Building, Jackson Park.

Captain B. R. Bissell, U. S. M. C., Camp Herbert, Jackson Park, Chicago, Ill.:

DEAR SIR: You will permit me to express my profound gratitude for the prompt and heroic service which the Marines under your command rendered during the awful catastrophe which visited these grounds on Monday, and I would be greatly obliged if you would have this letter read in the hearing of your men.

I have the honor to be sir, your obed't serv't,
(Signed) GEO. R DAVIS,
Director General.

TRIAL OF THE BANCROFT.

THE final trial of the U. S. S. practice-ship *Bancroft* took place in Long Island Sound on July 18, the day being perfect, with a smooth sea and light wind. The Trial Board consisted of Admiral Walker, Comdr. Cooper, Lieut.-Comdr. Hemphill, Ensign Dodd, Naval Constructor Foster and P. A. Engr. Main.

The vessel ran her eleven knots without forced draught, and was kept under weigh for 48 hours. On her previous trial she made 14.4 knots with forced draught, while the contract called for only 12 knots, as that on the trial of July 18 it was deemed advisable not to push the vessel for speed, but merely to test the durability of her machinery, which, with the exception of a few minor defects, worked satisfactorily. On July 14, off Montauk Point, the four quick-firing guns of her main battery were fired at different elevations, and gave great satisfaction. Five shots were fired from the starboard after 3 pounder in seventeen seconds or at the rate of seventeen shots. The two 6-pounders, the 1-pounder and the 37-mm. Hotchkiss guns proved satisfactory, as did the Gatling gun.

The Williamson steam steering engine worked perfectly, the helm being put hard over to thirty-five degrees in eleven seconds, the ship going ahead full speed. A complete circle was made in four minutes thirty-three seconds with both engines going ahead full speed, and in seven minutes forty-two seconds with starboard engine going ahead and port engine backing hard. In turning with large helm angle the ship heeled quickly, but not to any excessive degree. When the engines were reversed from ahead to full speed the headway was deadened in a little over two ships' lengths.

A test of compasses made after leaving New London developed the fact that the deviations had been materially altered by the firing of the battery.

REAR ADMIRAL GEO. E. BELKNAP has been detailed as president of the naval court-martial appointed for the trial of Paymaster John C. Sullivan on charges of embezzlement. He takes the place of Capt. T. O. Selfridge, who, by reason of illness, is unable to serve. The court will convene at San Francisco July 26.

THE Acting Judge Advocate General of the Army has received the Court-martial proceedings in the case of Capt. Edward L. Bailey, 4th Inf., who was tried at Boise Barracks, Idaho, for duplication of pay accounts. The sentence is dismissal.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Capt. Louis W. Crampton, Asst. Surg., is relieved from Fort Spokane and ordered to Baltimore, Md., as the relief of Capt. Chas. B. Ewing, as attending surgeon in New York City.

Capt. Leonard Wood, Assistant Surgeon, relieved from duty at Yosemite, National Park, by Asst. Surgeon to be designated by the Department Commander and ordered to Fort McPherson, Ga.

Lieut. Col. M. V. Sheridan, A. A. G., granted an extension of leave for 45 days.

Order directing Capt. J. Rozier Clagett, 23d Inf., now at David's Island, N. Y., to join his company is suspended until Oct. 1.

Capt. James N. Allison, Subsistence Department, ordered to duty as as assistant to Chief Commissary Department of East.

Following officers recently promoted are assigned to batteries as follows: Capt. Charles Humphreys, Battery D, 3d Art.; 1st Lieut. R. P. Davis, G, 2d Art.; 1st Lieut. G. O. Squier, to Bat. D, 3d Art.

Addl. 2d Lieut. Geo. H. McManus, 5th Art., is assigned to the vacancy of 2d lieutenant, Bat. G, 3d Art.

Co. I, 4th Inf., at Fort Spokane, and Troop L, 4th Cav., at Fort Walla Walla, both Indian companies, have been ordered mustered out.

Troop L, 1st Cav., at Fort Wingate, another Indian company, was mustered out some days ago.

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A WASHINGTON despatch says: "The able printer man has found a formidable foe in Secretary of War Lamont, and hereafter the War Department printing will be done on a business basis that will give the Government an honest return for the expenditure of the public funds." Shades of John Gutenberg protect us.

COMMISSIONER LOCHREN, of the Pension Bureau, has issued an order directing that hereafter, in making calls upon the War and Navy Departments for information regarding the service of applicants for pensions under the act of June 27, 1890, a request shall be made for the full military and medical history of the soldier. Hitherto these calls have only asked for the dates of the soldier's enlistment and discharge.

THE Denver *News* sees in the removal of Department Headquarters from Los Angeles to Denver a "bright rift in the dark cloud which has hovered for some time over Denver and its business prospects," and exults over the thought that the change is of "far-reaching import to Colorado, involving as it does the disbursement from this point of at least $5,000,000 annually through Denver banks among the military posts in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, supplies of various kinds, such as grain and hay for cavalry and artillery, wood and coal for the forts, meats of all kinds, farm and dairy products."

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OUR ARMY POSTS.

THE transition period in the stationing of our Army may fairly be said to have passed, and it is gradually being concentrated at posts selected with a view to strategic value and to the modern needs of routine service. The policy of abandoning the smaller stations continues to be carried out, as shown only the other day at Camp Poplar River, in Montana, while the new forts are constructed with a view to their containing large garrisons, and becoming centres from which troops may be sent by rail on call in any required direction.

The fiscal year just closed has been one of considerable progress in the work of improvements at military posts. Two of the largest of them, Fort Sheridan and McPherson, have been finished during the year, and work upon the additional buildings at several other posts is so well advanced that it will be possible to increase their garrisons before the end of the calendar year. Fort Sheridan will not be completed for many years yet, if it is to be made a twenty-four-company post, as called for by the last project, approved by Gen. Sheridan; but as a twelve-company post it may now be said to be ready. The finishing touches upon the Hospital building are now being put on, and when this is done the barracks that are used for hospital purposes will be available for another company, thus completing the full quota of twelve companies. It is rumored that a light battery will be selected to complete the garrison. The intention of the authorities appears to be to go on enlarging the post until accommodations for twenty-four companies have been provided. No new work, however, has been authorized for the present fiscal year, for the reason, it is said, that the World's Fair has given such a boom to prices of construction as to make it desirable to wait until another season.

Fort McPherson, Ga., is entirely completed for a garrison of eight companies and band, though by reason of the withdrawal of the two batteries sent to Fort Monroe and the assignment of batteries to Forts Barrancas and Key West, there are at present only five batteries and band at Fort McPherson. No steps have been taken toward completing the number of batteries at this post. Eventually, as the seaport forts get their new guns and require more artillery, Fort McPherson may be garrisoned by a full regiment of infantry.

At Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., excellent progress is being made on the additional buildings for the accommodation of four more companies of infantry. The work now in progress includes improvements to roadways, sewer and water system, construction of a new mess hall, barracks for four companies, seven double sets of officers' quarters and guard house. It is fully expected that the buildings will be far enough completed to admit of four companies of infantry taking up their headquarters there before the end of the calendar year. It is further assumed that the four companies of the Twenty-first Infantry now at Fort Sidney, Department Platte, will be the troops selected for this station. Fort Sidney will then be abandoned. The four company quarters at Fort Bliss are already booked for completion this fall. The work

transfer from old Fort Bliss to the new quarters is already in progress. The quarters for the four additional companies at Fort Brady, Mich., are also well advanced, and will be ready for occupancy this autumn.

At Columbus Barracks work is in progress on two double sets of officers' quarters and mess room, and similar work is being done at Madison Barracks and Jefferson Barracks. At Forts Riley, Myer and Logan the extensive improvements begun a year or more ago are practically finished. At Fort Thomas, Ky., a contract has recently been made for additional buildings to accommodate two more companies of infantry, making it an eight company fort. At Fort Crook work on the new ten company post is advancing favorably, and it is expected that many of the new buildings will be ready for occupancy early next year. Under the limit of $500,000 it is doubtful if sufficient accommodations can be provided for ten companies, though work is being carried on with that end in view.

Work has already commenced on the new two-company post—Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.—authorized by the last Congress, contracts having been made by the Ordnance Department for the construction of one double barracks, two double sets of officers' quarters, hospital, two double sets of non-commissioned officers' quarters, guard house, fuel store house, quartermaster's stable, two cavalry stables, and other buildings. Within the past few days the contract has been further extended by two additional cavalry stables, and one double barracks. This is a very interesting new fort. Its construction has been avowedly undertaken with a view to making it a nucleus for both Regular and State or volunteer forces, so as to undertake a prompt dash upon the canal system of Canada, in case of war with Great Britain. Yet, while this purpose was frankly avowed in Congress, there is nothing whatever offensive in it. It is simply a precaution for our own frontier defence, since at present Great Britain could send a large fleet of small gunboats and torpedo boats into the Great Lakes, while the treaty of 1817 makes us powerless to build vessels there to resist them.

No contract has yet been made for the construction of buildings at the new post authorized to be established near Helena, Montana, and lately named Fort Harrison. The engineers are now engaged in making a contour map of the site selected, and the Quartermaster's Department are preparing plans and specifications for the buildings. When our present system of forts is completed, it will be found that the Army is more advantageously placed than formerly, for exigencies of the sort likely to arise in the future. Large posts also mean advantages in administration, discipline, drill, and in whatever can be done for the well being and enjoyment of the enlisted men.

MAJOR W. F. SPURGIN, U. S. A., who went to Chicago to make arrangement for encamping the corps of West Point cadets there, was met in a liberal spirit by the directors of the Columbian Exposition, and has reached a very satisfactory conclusion. The cadet camp will be pitched just East of the Government building and of the present encampment of troops, under command of Major Randall, Fourth Infantry, U. S. A. It is on a beautiful lawn, running down to the shore of Lake Michigan, and will be flanked on the North by the battleship containing the exhibit of the Navy Department. The Government will furnish tents and the Commissioners of the Fair will pitch the tents and put down the floors. The young men will be permitted to enter the Fair without charge. They receive the privilege of bathing at given hours in the beautiful waters of the lake—no small favor at this season. Arrangements will be made to supply them with the hygeia water which is brought to the fair grounds in pipes from a pure spring at Waukesha, Wisconsin. In short, everything will be done that can be done to make them comfortable at Chicago.

It is to be hoped that some way will be found to give cadets of the Naval Academy a similar excursion. Why cannot they be sent around on a naval vessel by way of the St. Lawrence and anchored off the fair grounds? It only requires the consent of the Navy Department to secure this desirable result. It will be an excellent thing to bring together the young men who are to officer our two Services, and as such an opportunity to make the people understand the character and value of our two great national military institutions will not soon recur, it ought not to be lost. We shall no doubt be met, as we were met when the proposition for the naval land parade in New York was first made, by the declaration of *non possumus;* but this should not deter our progressive Secretary of the Navy.

THE list of vessels in commission was further augmented this week by the 2,000-ton cruiser *Detroit.* She was placed in commission at the Norfolk Navy-yard Thursday, July 20. It will be several weeks before she is entirely ready for sea, but now that her officers are aboard the work of fitting out will be greatly facilitated. The *Detroit* has not been definitely assigned to a station, but there is every reason to believe that her maiden cruise will be in home waters. With the *Atlanta* out of commission, and so many of the new vessels now in home waters booked for foreign stations, the presence of a vessel like the *Detroit* for emergencies likely to arise at any time in the West Indies will be very useful.

The following is a list of her officers: Commander W. H. Brownson, commanding; Lieutenant Commander T. C. McLean, executive; Lieutenant Kossuth Niles, navigator; Lieut. S. W. B. Diehl, ordnance officer; Lieutenants C. C. Rogers, Edward Lloyd, Jr., M. C. Gorgas and Ensign C. B. Brittain, watch officers; Surgeon Charles T. Hibbett, Passed Assistant Paymaster George W. Simpson, Chief Engineer G. W. Roche, Passed Assistant Engineer C. A. E. King and Assistant Engineer D. E. Dismukes.

The *Detroit* was formally accepted by the Navy Department on Tuesday, and arrangements perfected for paying her contractors the sum of $225,000, which includes the premium earned on the final trial, and all reserve payments except the final to be paid four months after the vessel has been in commission.

THERE is considerable speculation anent the successor to the late General Kelton as Governor of the Soldiers' Home at Washington. In the absence of the President and Secretary of War, however, the matter will have to be left entirely to the gossips, as nothing definite can be known until these officials return to Washington. Meanwhile, Captain David A. Irwin, retired, the Deputy Governor, will perform the duties of Governor. The fact that General D. S. Stanley desired the detail at the time General Kelton was appointed, leads his friends to believe that he will again be a candidate, and, having friendly relations with the present Administration, he is generally looked upon as a very strong possibility. Under the law the President can select either an active or retired officer for the position, but with rare exceptions the post, which is regarded as an honorable and important one, has gone to the latter class.

OWING to the troubles between France and Siam, the Rev. Dr. Gillespie, of New York, representing the Presbyterian Mission Board, telegraphed Secretary Gresham to inquire what provision would be made for the safety of American missionaries in Siam, and the children in their charge. Secretary Gresham replied as follows: "Am informed by Secretary of Navy that there is not at present on Asiatic station any vessel capable of entering Siamese waters. Missionaries should communicate with legation at Bangkok for usual diplomatic protection." Two French gunboats, the *Comete* and *Inconstante*, have now passed the Siamese river forts, and joined the *Lutin*, off Bangkok. A fourth vessel, the *Forfait*, is at hand, but draws too much water to go above the river bar. Some of our naval officers, in view of the lack of damage done to the forts by the rifled guns of the French gunboats, are inclined to think that the old Dahlgren smooth-bores would have been more effective, and are better against river earthworks. Some of the French seem inclined to suspect England of encouraging Siam.

OFFICERS detailed to duty in connection with the inspection of militia will be relieved this year of the necessity of making two reports—one to the Adjutant General and one to the Inspector General. Their orders call for a report to the Adjutant General only.

WE understand that General Schofield has recommended the appointment of a board to prepare regulations governing the issue of medals of honor and certificates of merit, with the view to providing a uniform system for the guidance of commanding officers and men for these distinctions. The paper is awaiting the action of the Secretary of War.

THE now famous "brick frigate" of the Chicago Exhibition continues to be one of its best drawing attractions, and is thronged with visitors from morning to night. The greatest interest is manifested in the internal economy of the vessel, and the questions which are asked of the officers and men on duty show how keen is the desire for a correct understanding of the man-o' war's man afloat. The cruise of the "Illinois" will be of more real value to the Navy than any other exhibit at the Fair.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette* says: "Paeans of praise have gone up at Admiral Tyron's refusal, with the words 'Save yourself,' of a life belt offered him. He would have been base indeed had he taken it, and his heroism is simply naught compared to that of the man who tendered the life belt. Not a single paper has touched on the grand unselfishness of the subordinate, yet his offer was a far nobler act than the admiral's refusal."

THE Mexican Government, says a despatch, has commenced the suppression of military bands in the interests of economy, which tempts us to be unkind enough to say that while our own Government has not "suppressed" the regimental bands, it does so little for their proper maintenance that the act of suppression would not be a difficult one. Martial music, in our opinion, is a powerful factor, especially in times of active service, when martial spirits are liable to flag.

A WORLD'S FAIR correspondent writes: "England's naval display shows that the British sovereignty of the seas is now more complete and more unchallenged than it ever was before. In contrast with the comparatively meagre showing made in other departments by the nation that makes it, it seems as if Great Britain were saying to all the world that, whatever extension of commerce may take place between other nations, she will carry it and take toll of it, and that the power of her battleships will enable her to protect and to preserve the supremacy of her mercantile marine."

A DISGRUNTLED cavalry officer at one of our military posts, whose lines have fallen in the staff departments, writes: "Of course, as our system of paper work is now it is impossible to get time to ride, hours being taken up briefing and indorsing, referring, approving and disapproving millions of little details referring to supply and equipment. The old English Court of Chancery as described in 'Bleak House' and the equally harassing 'circumlocution office' are simple, practical, business institutions as compared with the present bureaus of the War Department, that sap the very vigor and vitality out of our Army and prevent the staff, such as it is, from attending to its own practical duties and those of the line."

A NOVEL spectacle presented itself on the lawn in front of the Government Building, World's Fair, Chicago, July 15. Army and Navy officers, Government officials, visitors, and members of the Signal Service Corps were gathered there to witness the flight of thirty-eight homing pigeons. At 10 10 o'clock Sergeant Creighton, of the Signal Service, liberated thirty-three of the birds for Newark, N. J. A quarter of an hour later five more pigeons were set free to make the flight to Washington.

THE Bethlehem Iron Works and the Midvale Steel Company continue to keep ahead in supplying the Services with good forgings. In the contest on Tuesday for the ninety-two sets of forgings for the Navy, representing 1 666,740 lbs. of steel, the Bethlehem Company were the lowest bidders for thirty sets 5-inch, at twenty-seven cents per pound, and five sets 12-inch, at twenty eight and one-half cents per pound. The Midvale Company were the lowest on forty sets 4-inch, at twenty-eight and one-quarter cents per pound; sixteen sets 8-inch, at twenty-eight cents, and one set 3 inch, at thirty-six and one-quarter cents. The total money value of these bids, respectively, are $249,643 and $217,823.

THE medical members of the regular Naval Examining Board have pronounced Pay Inspector T. H. Stevenson physically qualified for promotion. His retirement is, therefore, out of the question. The Department is now looking around for a fourth board to pass judgment upon his mental and professional qualifications for advancement to the next highest grade.

THE bad effects of Mr. Proctor's pernicious law prohibiting re-enlistments after ten years' service are brought conspicuously to the front, it is surmised, by desertion returns now being compiled at the War Department. These show a large monthly increase in desertions for each month since the law was passed and bring the percentage of desertions for the fiscal year ending June 30 up to over 8¼ per cent. against 5.64 per cent. for the previous year.

THERE is no truth in the report that Gen. Schofield disobeyed the orders of ex-Secretary Elkins in regard to the use of aiguelettes on the uniform of all staff officers. The order was recalled by Secretary Elkins himself "for reconsideration," and no further steps have since been taken. It is true that Gen. Schofield opposes the adoption of the aiguelette for other staff officers than those of the Adjutant-General and Inspector-General's Departments, as he regards this as the distinctive insignia for these two departments. The design for other staff officers should be, he thinks, something different.

A LONDON correspondent of the New York *Times* writes: "There is something curiously characteristic about the patient, laboriously-temperate way in which the English are taking the Franco-Siamese embroglio. The root of it all lies in the profound, instinctive pity which Englishmen feel for France and the French. England has reached the mournful conviction that its ancient neighbor across the Channel lies under the irrevocable ban of doom. There is no other opinion of any sort upon which the English are so thoroughly agreed as that France wears the fatal ashen mark of destiny on her forehead. Deeply convinced of this, John Bull assumes towards France, no matter how badly she behaves, an anxiously artificial patience, the kindly quiet of a strong man toward a fretful, unhappy woman of light character who is dying of consumption."

MAJOR GEORGE B. DAVIS, Judge Advocate, U. S. A., and Messrs. Leslie J. Perry and J. W. Kirkley, civilian experts, composing the board of publication of the official records of the rebellion, have submitted to the Secretary of War a report of their operations during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1893. Eleven thousand copies each of volumes XXXIX, parts 2 and 3; XL, parts 1, 2, 3, and XLI, parts 1 and 2, and 7,500 copies each of the reprint of volumes I to V, inclusive, have been printed and bound by the public printer, and have been distributed during the year. Five more volumes were printed and are in different stages of indexing at the close of the year. These books cover the operations in Kentucky, southwest Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and north Georgia (the Atlanta campaign excepted); the operations in southeast Virginia and North Carolina (including Richmond, Petersburg, etc.); the operations in Louisiana and the trans-Mississippi States, etc.; the operations in southeast Virginia and North Carolina; the operations in northern Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania (including Opequon, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, etc.). Work on the atlas of maps and plans has also been carried forward and plates XXI to LXXX, inclusive, have been printed and distributed during the year. Twenty-five more are in the hands of the engraver and will be issued during the current calendar year. It is recommended that authority be obtained for reprinting 500 copies of volumes 1 to 30, inclusive, with a view to their distribution by members of the Fifty-third Congress. It is further recommended that authority be obtained for printing 1,000 copies of the entire work from the plates now in the hands of the public printer.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us: "The naval quidnuncs are at it again. As the story now goes, Captain R. D. Evans is to succeed Commodore Ramsay when his term as Chief of Bureau of Navigation expires in November next. The latter will receive command of the North Atlantic Station, with the *New York* as his flagship, relieving Rear Admiral Benham, who will go to the European station in the *San Francisco* to complete his tour as a fleet commander. Acting Rear Admiral Erben, the gossips further have it, will come home in the fall, and go on waiting orders until retirement, his flagship, the *Chicago*, going out of commission for extensive repairs to her machinery. From the same source we hear the name of Commodore Walker mentioned for the Naval Academy—all of which is respectfully submitted, not as official facts, but as current rumors."

A CORRESPONDENT at Washington writes that it is understood that the recommendations of the Paymaster-General in the case of Maj. Wham are awaiting the return of Secretary Lamont for action.

ARTILLERY CIRCULAR F, on ballistics, by Capt James M. Ingalls, 1st Artillery, is now in the hands of the printer. It will be ready for issue about August 1.

THE manufacture of the new Army rifle is being pressed vigorously, and a large number of special cutters and shapers have already been procured. The first lot of completed arms are promised by the Springfield Armory officials for delivery and issue to the service about Sept. 1.

AT a special meeting of the Resident Board of Directors of the Navy Mutual Aid Association held at the Navy Department July 20, the following death claims were presented and adjusted: In favor of the beneficiary of the late Rear Admiral Earl English, U. S. N., who died July 16, the sum of $3,716; the beneficiary of Lieut. Hiero Taylor, U. S. N., who died July 14, at Charlottsville, Va., the sum of $3,730.30.

THE retirement this week of Commissary Sergeant John J. Bowman will not open the way for the appointment of another Commissary Sergeant at this time for the reason that the total number will have to be reduced to 104 before an appointment can be made. There are now 105 on the active list, and one of these is on a furlough. With Camp Poplar River soon to be abandoned there will still be one unprovided with a station. The vacancy at Fort Wayne, caused by Sergeant Bowman's retirement will be filled by the transfer of the Sergeant now at Fort Mason, Cal., the Sergeant now at Benicia Arsenal going to Fort Mason.

THE disbandment of three Indian companies has been ordered, and it is thought that the date is probably not far distant when the remainder will be discharged. For some time past it has been noticed that the applications for discharge by purchase were particularly numerous among the Indian soldiers. In one company just abandoned, it is said, so many purchased their discharge that there was hardly a member of a company left, and when it was suggested that the remainder be transferred to another company they raised such a howl that it was decided to discharge the whole company.

FROM present appearances, the usual number of assessments will not be called for by the Navy Mutual Aid Association the present year, the fortunes of peace thus far having been exceptionally favorable to the Navy; and as the by-laws provide that an assessment may be omitted whenever the amount on hand equals a certain amount, the present year bids fair to be the banner one for naval health.

SECRETARY HERBERT, accompanied by Miss Herbert and his naval aide, Ensign Wood, left Washington Monday morning on the *Dolphin* for a visit to the naval stations at New York, Newport, New London, Boston and Portsmouth, N. H. They will also make a visit to Machias, Me., at the presentation by the citizens of that place of a silver service to the gunboat named in its honor. The party will be gone about three weeks.

A WASHINGTON despatch says: "Secretary Lamont has come out squarely against granting Army officers free trips to the World's Fair. During his brief visit here yesterday he set his foot down on a dozen or more applications of officers for orders to visit Chicago—principally from engineer officers who have prepared papers to be read before the Engineering Congress which meets in Chicago on July 31. They based their request on the ground that the papers they would read are of benefit to the Service and desired orders to cover mileage. The Secretary left instructions granting the applicants permission to visit Chicago for the purpose of attending the Engineer Congress, with the distinct understanding, however, that the Government cannot pay their travelling expenses."

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "The institution of the School of Application at Marine Corps Headquarters is having an effect that was not fully anticipated, namely, a serious diminution of the already small number of officers available for general duty. When the new class, which will consist of eight second lieutenants, assembles in Washington, there will be one-third of the 75 officers now authorized on duty in one city, and upon the remainder will devolve all the duty to be done at the ten other shore stations, and on board of the twenty or more ships which carry marine officers. Already marine officers are more constantly employed, and the recipients of less leave than the officers of any other corps, and instead of being in "not less than four watches," will average little more than two with courts, boards, councils, surveys, etc., thrown in. The grade of second lieutenant, which once numbered thirty, is practically reduced to five."

WE are reliably informed that Major-General Schofield is seriously considering a project involving changes in stations of several infantry regiments to take effect this fall. It is understood that he greatly desires to bring the 1st, 4th and 14th in from their present stations, but just to what extent the transfer can be made, or what regiments they can transfer with, are matters depending principally upon available funds. In considering the changes it is thought to be his purpose to base his recommendation entirely upon the length and character of service of each regiment involved. The subject will be taken up immediately after Secretary Lamont and General Schofield return to Washington.

RECENT DEATHS.

1ST LIEUTENANT JAS. T. LEAVY, U. S. A., retired, who died July 8, near Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, was born in Kentucky and served in the 1st Kentucky Cavalry as enlisted man and officer during the war. In January, 1867, he was appointed 2d lieutenant of the 7th U. S. Cavalry and promoted 1st lieutenant the following July; was retired Sept. 31, 1868; wholly retired July 1, 1869, and was restored to retired list April 2, 1878, to date July 31, 1868. For his gallantry at Shiloh and Savannah he received the brevets of 1st lieutenant and captain. He leaves a widow and daughter.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR DAVID HARLAN, U. S. Navy, retired, who died at Churchville, Md., July 12, was a native of Maryland, and was appointed to the Navy in 1835. He was in the *Princeton* at the time of the bombardment and capture of Vera Cruz; was appointed a member of the Board of Visitors at the Naval Academy in May, 1866; made a member of the Board of Surgeons for the physical examination of candidates for the Naval Academy in September, 1866; was surgeon of the Naval Academy from 1868 to 1869; commissioned medical director March 3, 1871, and was retired at the age of 62. The Hon. Henry D. Harlan, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, is a son of the deceased officer.

REAR ADMIRAL EARL ENGLISH, U. S. N., retired, a distinguished veteran, died at his residence in Washington, D. C., July 16. The deceased officer was appointed to the Naval Academy from New Jersey in 1840. He was at the capture of Mazatlan, Mexico in 1847, and remained there until the close of the Mexican War; was promoted lieutenant-commander in 1862, and served through the Civil War being employed principally in the Gulf of Mexico and the Sounds of North Carolina, commanding at different periods the *Somerset*, *Sagamore* and *Wyalusing*. He was commissioned commander, July 25, 1866; captain, Sept. 28, 1871, and rear admiral, Sept. 4, 1884, at which time he resigned the position of Chief of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting which he had held for six years, and took command of the European Station. He was retired Feb. 22, 1886. He leaves a widow and two daughters, both married.

The funeral took place July 19 from St. John's Church. The pall bearers were: Rear Admiral F. Roe, Gen. R. C. Drum, Commodore N. H. Farquhar, Capt. B. P. Lamberton, Medical Director A. Hoehling, Gen. B. C. Card, Commodore T. D. Williamson, Pay Director J. A. Smith, Chief Engineer T. Williamson, and Paymaster A. K. Michler. The interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery.

THE death of another distinguished naval veteran is reported, Rear Admiral Melancton Smith, U. S. N., retired, which occurred at Green Bay, Wisconsin, July 19. The deceased officer was born in New York May 24, 1810, and his father participated in the war of 1812. The late distinguished officer was appointed a midshipman in March, 1826. When the war broke out he was a commander, and in 1861 was placed in command of the *Massachusetts*, and did effective work in cutting off communication between North Carolina and Mobile. In command of the *Mississippi* he passed Forts Jackson and St. Philip with Farragut and participated in the attack on Port Hudson. In attempting to run by the batteries his vessel grounded, and was set her afire to prevent her falling into the hands of the enemy. He was promoted to Captain July 16, 1862. He was given command of the *Onondaga* in 1864, and took part in both attacks on Fort Fisher on board the *Wabash*. This is but a brief resume of a war record second to none. After the war Rear Admiral Smith filled many responsible positions including that of Governor of the Naval Asylum, Philadelphia, and was retired May 24, 1871.

THE roll of the distinguished dead has been added to this week by the death of Brigadier-General John Cunningham Kelton, U. S. A., retired, which occurred July 15, at his residence at the Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C., of which he was the Governor. General Kelton had not been in very good health for some time past, and the immediate cause of death seems to have been Bright's disease. It seems scarcely necessary to recapitulate the distinguished career of the deceased officer. He was graduated from the Military Academy in 1851; in June, 1869, was appointed Adjutant-General of the Army; and was retired June 21, 1892, having reached the age of sixty-four. In announcing in JOURNAL of June 15, 1889, his appointment as Adjutant-General, we sketched his military career, and said: "The Army is well acquainted with him and it is to be congratulated that the selection for this important position has fallen upon such a thorough soldier and so courteous a gentleman." In G. O. 42, A. G. O., June 24, 1892, announcing General Kelton's retirement, Mr. S. B. Elkins said: "The Secretary of War cannot let this occasion pass without calling the attention of the Army to the valuable and distinguished services rendered by General Kelton, covering a period of more than forty years, in all of which his efforts have been used for a high and rising standard of personal and professional excellence and ambition in the Army. His influence and efforts towards establishing in the Army what was once explicitly mentioned in the Army Regulations, 'a gradual and universal subordination or authority, which without loss of force shall be even, mild, and paternal; and which founded in justice and firmness shall maintain all subordinates in the strictest observance of duty,' are worthy of high praise; his vigilant care of the true interests of the soldier, his professional and personal advancement and the happiness of his daily life in the Service has never relaxed." The funeral took place July 18, and was marked by perfect simplicity in accordance with the express direction of the deceased, made some time previous to his death.

GENERAL EDWARD JARDINE, a distinguished volunteer officer from New York, with several wounds to attest his bravery, died July 16, at the Hotel Pomeroy, New York City.

MRS. STEVENS, wife of Rear Admiral Thomas H. Stevens, U. S. Navy, retired, died July 17, near Silver Springs, Md., where she was spending the summer for the benefit of her health.

MUCH sympathy is felt for Lieut. John J. Brereton, 24th U. S. Inf., whose wife died at Milford, Conn., July 14. The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Mr. Edwin P. Smith, of Milford.

CARPENTER WARREN BARNARD, U. S. N., who died on the 12th inst. at Naval Hospital, Mare Island, had been ill but a few days. On July 21 he took part in the public exercises in Vallejo, and looked unusually well. His death was a great surprise. An escort of marines attended his funeral and the following officers were pall-bearers: Gunners J. G. Foster and T. M. Johnston, Boatswain P. Haley, Carpenter O. H. Hilton and Sailmakers John Roddy and M. P. Barr. His remains were interred in the Naval Cemetery.

THE MONONGAHELA'S COLLISION.

THE following are the findings of the Court of Inquiry which convened at the New York Navy-yard last month to inquire into all the circumstances connected with the collision of the U. S. training-ship *Monongahela* with the Norwegian bark *Speranza* in the harbor of Funchal, Madeira, Jan. 16 last:

The court finds that the collision as above described was due to fault on the part of the commanding officer, Comdr. T. A. Lyons, U. S. N., in the following particulars:

1st. Having decided upon a course of action which involved manœuvring the ship, he did not make all enough to assure her working with facility.

2d. After having backed a certain distance from his first position, he attempted the evolution of wearing, when there was not sufficient room for this outside of the *Speranza*, instead of boxhauling, which was the only manner practicable under the circumstances.

3d. Having reached a point where he decided to abandon the manœuvre of wearing, he let go the starboard anchor in a position and under circumstances which led directly to the collision, when he might have stood across the bow of the *Speranza* and anchored safely inside.

4th. Having let go the starboard anchor when he did, he lost the only remaining chance of avoiding a collision when he failed to allow the whole of the chain run out before letting go the port anchor.

As to whether proper measures were taken to repair the damages incurred by the *Speranza* or the ascertaining of the cost of such repairs, the court finds that the commanding officer, Comdr. T. A. Lyons, U. S. N., was in fault.

1st. In that he did not take proper measures before sailing for making such repairs to the bark as would enable her to put to sea with safety in case of necessity.

2d. In not ascertaining the prices in Funchal of such labor and material as were required to repair the bark's damages, the *Monongahela* having remained at Funchal long enough to allow him to get this information, which would have been useful to the Department in adjusting the claim of damages.

In the opinion of the court, the faults above imputed to Comdr. Lyons were errors of judgment, which were not serious enough in themselves, or in their results, to make further proceedings necessary.

The court reports that $2,180 will be sufficient to repair the damage.

THE VALETTA COURT MARTIAL.

IN the court held at Valetta, Malta, this week, upon the loss of the *Victoria*, Capt. Bourke of that vessel fully confirmed what has already been printed as to Vice Admiral Tryon's saying "leave it six," when reminded that he had at first ordered the turning distance to be eight cables. He explained that the *Victoria's* turning diameter at the ordinary speed of the fleet was just under 600 yards, with the extreme helm of 35 degrees. The helm was usually used at 28 degrees and gave an estimated circle of 800 yards. The *Camperdown's* turning circle was practically the same.

Capt. Winslow, the Prosecutor—Did you ask permission to reverse the port screw when the signal was hauled down?

Capt. Bourke—Directly after the signal was hauled down and the helm was put over, the ship having swung about two points with the extreme helm, I addressed the admiral thus: "We shall come very close to the *Camperdown*." I then turned to my aide-de-camp, Middy Lanyon, and told him to take the *Camperdown's* distance. To the best of my recollection when I addressed the admiral he looked up, but made no reply.

After I spoke to Lanyon, I added the remark to him, "We had better do something; we shall come very close to the *Camperdown*." All this time we were turning. Receiving no answer, I again addressed the admiral, repeating quickly two or three times, "May I go astern full speed with the port screw?" At last the admiral said "Yes." The port screw was immediately started full speed astern. Very shortly afterward I ordered both screws full speed astern.

Capt. Bourke said he gave an order to close the gunports, but thought that it was not executed. The Commander-in-Chief had at once hailed the *Camperdown*, he said, and had ordered her to go astern. Every body had come up from below except the poor fellows in the engine room. He himself had been the last one to come up. He had heard no order to abandon the ship, and he did not know that any order had been given for the engineers to come up. He should say that ten minutes elapsed between the collision and the sinking. The greatness of the mortality was partly due to the fact, he thought, that many stokers and marines were unable to swim.

"Nobody believed the end was so near," continued Capt. Bourke. "I myself did not suppose that the vessel would turn over."

After describing the splendid behavior of the men, and the wonderful self-control displayed by them when they fell in on deck, Capt. Bourke said: "I believe the commander gave no orders. Just at the last Lieut. Heath gave the order to jump. His words were: '*Sauve qui peut!*'"

Lord Gilliford, Flag Lieutenant, testified that after the collision Vice-Admiral Tryon said to him: "It was all my fault. It was entirely my doing. It was entirely my fault."

Rear Admiral Markham testified that when he signalled to the Victoria that he did not quite understand the signal, the Victoria answered that the Camperdown was delaying the manœuvres. It then occurred to the witness that he was to put the helm of the Camperdown down and turn her sixteen points to starboard, while the Victoria would ease her helm and circle round on the outside of the division which was being led by the Camperdown.

GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL CASES.

In the case of Sergt. Heber J. Kemper, Co. C, 7th Inf., tried for while on guard at Fort Logan releasing a prisoner without authority, and sentenced to be reprimanded and fined $30, the reviewing authority, Gen. John Brooke, approves the sentence, and says: "It seems probable, however, from the evidence submitted that the confinement of Pvt. Wilkins was, in the first instance, in violation of par. 998, A. R., and of post orders based thereon, and that, had the accused been in command of the guard at the time Pvt. Wilkins was presented for confinement, he would have been justified, upon proper investigation, in refusing to receive him. Pvt. Wilkins having been confined during the temporary absence of the accused, and by his successor in command, the action taken by him when he returned to the command of his guard, in releasing this prisoner upon his own motion and without any further investigation than the simple inquiry as to whether an order by a commissioned officer accompanied the request for confinement, was unauthorized. His conviction of this offence, and of the additional offence of disrespect toward his superior officer, set forth in the 3d specification, has justly brought upon him the censure of the court. The record shows that Sergeant Kemper is in the third year of his first enlistment. That he should have attained his present grade in so short a period of service is a fact most creditable to him, and argues the possession of such soldierly qualities as make it a matter of surprise that he should have been guilty of the misconduct of which he stands convicted. After a careful consideration of the proceedings in this case, the reviewing authority is constrained to believe that Sergt. Kemper will find in the fact of trial and conviction sufficient admonition and punishment, and therefore remits the forfeiture imposed."

In a case recently tried at Fort Clark, Texas, the reviewing authority, Gen. Frank Wheaton, says: "The charges as originally preferred were amended at these headquarters and as amended were referred for trial to the court by the Department Commander. Upon the arraignment, after the charges had been read to the accused, and before his plea thereto had been entered, a member of the court who had preferred the original charges, instituted of his own motion an inquiry as to who signed the charges as read and what changes in form or text had been made. Pending this digression the court closed and when reopened the member announced 'that he did not wish to make any further objections to the changes made in the charges and specifications as the changes do not materially affect his intentions in preferring them.' The business of the court was then resumed. This procedure discloses an erroneous assumption on the part of the member in question. Law and custom have invested the Department Commander with the duty of deciding not only what charges shall be brought to trial, but the exact form in which they shall be submitted to the court; and in the absence of an issue duly raised they are before the court solely for trial, and not for the criticism, revision or approval of its individual members. The charges in this case are an apt illustration of the necessity of amendment at Department Headquarters before reference for trial, violating as they did two of the elementary rules of pleading. Allegations of theft of both public and private property were commingled in one specification and the result erroneously laid under the 60th Article of War, as the article refers exclusively to public property. Of the articles of private property charged as stolen no value whatever was alleged, an omission which made the pleading fatally defective."

THE STATE TROOPS.

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NEW YORK STATE CAMP OF INSTRUCTION.

15, 1898.

TWELFTH REGIMENT.

ON the afternoon of July 8, the Twelfth, in two battalions of five companies each, under Majors Leonard and Burns, with Col. Heman Dowd in command of the regiment, entered the State camp at Peekskill, relieving the 71st Regiment and the 2d Provisional Battalion. The regiment was out in full force, and, as in previous years, upset all the calculations of the State officials. The title of "the little regiment" is one that the officers and men are proud of, but the days of the christening have long since passed, and the child has nearly reached maturity, for Adjutant Wainwright reported the strength present to be 33 officers and 528 men; total, 561; absent, 3 officers and 78 men; total, 81—aggregate, 642, being an average of 90 per cent. for duty. This average was maintained throughout the week in camp.

It took but a very short time to put the Canvas City in a habitable condition, for Q. M. Powers and his assistants were early in the field and working in accord with Major Barnie of the Ordnance Department. There was no delay in the issue of the camp equipage, so that at supper call the village on the bluff was complete in every detail. It was intended to make a grand opening of the regiment's week in camp at the evening parade, but before supper was concluded a driving thunder storm prevented all military ceremony. The camp was simply perfect in the evening, and long before Drum Major McKay's excellent corps sounded "tattoo," the very large majority of the men were in quarters and asleep. It was the quietest first night in camp that we have ever seen, and speaks volumes for the discipline of the old regiment.

The guard mount of Sunday morning, thanks to the valuable instruction given to officers and men during the winter months, by Lieut.-Col. Butt, was of a most satisfactory character, and was perhaps the best first morning's ceremony of the season. It received the praise of the State Inspectors, and what more need be said? The Rev. Dr. Terry held divine service on the bluff in the early forenoon, while the evening parade was just what might be expected from the two organizations on duty, a success in every particular. Monday morning was to test the capacity of the several companies, and at drill call there was not a shirker, and though there were four surgeons at the hospital tent, they waited in vain for a patient. The armory work of the winter told well in the regiment's favor, for there was hardly a fault to be found in the work of squads or their commanders. It was nearly the perfection of the "squad in extended order," and was so recognized by all qualified to judge the merits of the preliminary drill in the new regulations. Of the drills by battalion in closed order, little can be said. Every movement on the printed card was covered and with lots of time to spare. It would be hard, indeed, to say which was the best battalion, and though a large majority of the officers are new in commission, there was little fault to find. Tuesday was a mere repetition of the first day's duty, and from the work by section, extended order, the guard mount and the battalion in closed order, the general ensemble could hardly be improved upon. Col. Hall, of the 4th U. S. Infantry, who is at the camp as inspecting officer for the Government, in commending the work of the regiment, said that it was the best first two days' work of the season.

The troubles of "the little regiment" commenced on Wednesday morning, with "platoons in extended order." The squads and sections were all right, but the many young men lately imported into the Twelfth were wofully inadequate to the work in hand. The drills in both battalions were ragged in the extreme, nor can much more be said of the forenoon drill—platoons in closed order. From our personal observation, platoon drill has not been neglected in the winter's work of the Twelfth, and why, when called upon to execute these movements by battalion, officers should go to pieces, and men and guides become ragged and careless, is indeed a conundrum. The JOURNAL has seen and reported many excellent platoon drills as performed by the Twelfth, and we certainly looked toward a satisfactory showing on this occasion. The work of this day was a decided falling off from the records already put up by the companies and regiment.

Many plans had been arranged for what has heretofore been known as the Twelfth's Wednesday out, but all calculations were thrown to the winds when at the "orderly call" the adjutant denied all passes, as Governor Flower was to visit the camp early in the afternoon. For half an hour the sore-heads were as plentiful as "bugs in June," but the fiat had gone forth. Col. Dowd's order was law, and that settled the question. The men, instead of enjoying Iona Island and baseball, turned to for work, so that the uniforms and equipments might be in proper shape when the Commander-in-Chief and his staff should pass along the front of the regiment. At 3.30 o'clock the three battalions were formed in line, extending from the guard tents clear around the "point of rocks" to the very centre of the main parade ground. The section of Capt. Wendell's 1st Battery, under Sergt. Jansen, stood to their guns, and all was ready for the arrival of the Commander-in-Chief. At 3.45 the leading carriage reached the top of the hill, the guard rendered the proper honors, the guns belched forth fire and smoke, the extended line presented arms, and the band played "Hail to the Chief." The ceremony throughout was faultless. The evening parade was a great success, but in the publication of "orders for to-morrow" Adjt. Wainwright should note that the Commander-in-Chief does not command the State Camp. The formation of the two battalions of the regiment and that of the 10th Battalion at this ceremony could hardly be improved upon, while the march past of the companies, under the first sergeants, was correct in all details. It was a handsome close for a very poor opening of the day.

Early morning drill, Thursday, "company in extended order," was certainly a recovery from the sluggishness of the previous day. Every portion of the drill was closely watched and each fault promptly corrected. It was a pure and simple working drill of the Twelfth, and though much time was

wasted in the equalization and formation of companies, when once in the field there was little to complain of. The drill was thorough paced from commencement to finish and left very little to be desired on the part of the official inspectors or the regimental field officers. The same equalization was used for the forenoon drill, "battalion extension," yet there was a most inordinate delay in getting the companies on the field. In fact, the 10th Battalion was through the first stage of the programme before the regiment was turned over to Major Leonard. This forenoon's exhibition was perhaps the worst yet seen at the Peekskill Camp. The squad and section leaders were in a fog, platoon and company commanders fairly distracted, while the rank and file could hardly tell which end they were standing upon. After the first effort Maj. Leonard relinquished the command to the junior major, Burns, but there was not a particle of improvement. Col. Phisterer quietly retired to his quarters, while Lieut. Hardin, U.S.A., left the field to the regiment and withdrew to the ranks of the spectators. On the third trial and with Col. Dowd virtually directing the movements, the "wind up" was to a great extent satisfactory. The fault of this morning's drill must be simply and only ascribed to too much talk. There were orders of all kinds, and the junior officers were led astray. The evening parade was an almost perfect ceremony, only marred by the adjutant failing to announce by whose command the "orders for to-morrow" were issued. This, however, was Lieut. Morris's first offence, and will never again be repeated.

In the evening, Col. Dowd had the officers at school, while Lieut.-Col. Butt took care of the noncoms. That these schools were instructive was shown in the field work of Friday morning. The company extension was executed from line and from the flank, and was as correct as this work under the new Regulations will permit. There was hardly a sound to be heard except the clear commands of officers in charge and the sharp click of the hammers of the rifles at the several fires. These drills were just what had been expected from the regiment, for the first two days had clearly shown what the Twelfth was capable of, and the great falling off of Wednesday and Thursday was hard to explain. The guard mount of this day was truly the best of the week, and was most favorably commented upon by Gen. McGrath and Capt. Thurston.

All were anxious to see the result of this forenoon's drill, but when Col. Dowd received the command on the north field, the hearts of the regiment's friends were relieved of a burden. Now they knew that excessive talk would be a most expensive luxury, and so did the officers and men of the regiment. One little item might be here interlined: A captain, whose company had been consolidated, asked permission to accompany the battalion and act as an extra instructor. The colonel at once granted permission, with the proviso that the captain must not open his mouth during the movements. The captain did not act as a special instructor on that day

From the formation to the dismissal of this drill, the hand of the master was clearly discernible; the formations were rapid and prompt, the advances and ployments by squads and sections simply perfect, the firings well sustained, the rushes held well in hand, and the rapid fire and final charge plainly proved what the regiment was capable of when under control of its colonel. Three times this "battalion extension" was repeated, each being better than its predecessor, and it was little wonder that the C. O. of the Twelfth rode to his quarters with one of his happiest smiles, for he had shown what could be got out of his regiment.

While this regimental drill was going on, Co. F, Capt. James W. Gerard, Jr., with a detail from Cos. C, D and I. had a quiet time of its own, using the extended order over the rough country back of the camp, thus giving the men a chance to see the practical workings of the system over rough ground. 1st Sergt. Geo. Murphy commanded the 1st platoon; Sergt. Book, the 2d. The company advanced with the first section on the firing line, and gradually reinforcing it until all the squads were in position, when the advance was made by platoon rushes until the final charge. The work throughout was excellent, and the men were fully instructed in the use of cover, as well as to accustom the squad and section leaders to manœuvre their commands through woods and out of sight of the main body, keeping the proper direction and maintaining intervals. The evening parade of this day virtually closed the military duty of the week, except for the guard mount of Saturday. Throughout the sentinel duty was well performed, there being a strong rivalry between the Twelfth and 10th Batt. Capt. Thurston speaks in most favorable terms of the general work of the guards. On Saturday afternoon the Twelfth was relieved by the Eighth and reached its armory shortly after 6 P. M.

TENTH BATTALION, ALBANY.

With a percentage of 87 03 for duty the Tenth battalion entered camp on the heels of the Twelfth, the present reported to Capt. Shepard being 15 officers, 240 enlisted men—255; absent, 38 men. Total, 293. This was one of the best showings ever made by the battalion, and as this percentage remained throughout the week Col. W. E. Fitch, the battalion commander, was to say the least one of the happiest men in camp. The general work of this command from the opening drills of Monday to the final march out on Saturday, could hardly be improved upon, and clearly demonstrated what might be got out of troops by persistent work. The Tenth battalion was not as in the case of the regiment hampered by green officers; the captains were old timers, and had gone through several details at the State camp. Besides, a splendid preparation had been made for this week's work, the companies under the special direction of Major Stacpole having opened the winter's drill season, in October of 1892, with the drill by squads in closed and extended order, under the new regulations. This was followed by the instruction of sections and platoons, so that the non-commissioned and junior officers were made thoroughly familiar with the drill. The consequence was that, at the close of Monday's work in camp, the battalion had covered the schedule of three days, and were working in the extended order by platoons. Here is a wrinkle for our city regiments who are to make the tour of 1894—pay close attention to the preliminary work by squad, section and platoon, and the duty of the battalion in the field will be certain to satisfy all concerned. It was the first time this year that the early morning drill included the movement by platoon, while in the forenoon drills of Monday and Tuesday the platoon by battalion under the guidance of Major Stacpole were truly the best of the season. The early drills of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were all by company in extended order, and by all formations possible from line and column. Little or no fault could be found with the general work of the companies. The allotted schedule for the first three days was completed by the battalion on Tuesday morning.

Wednesday and Thursday's drills were devoted to the battalion in extended order, blank ammunition being used, and the several formations being made from line and column on the march. These drills were as near perfection as the new drill regulations will allow, the men were alert and strictly silent, the squad, section and platoon commanders well up in their several duties, and though the movements were repeated four times, covering the ground from the "white house" to the "point of rocks," there was not a particle of confusion. The squads and sections deployed promptly, the platoon rushes were correct, the reserves brought up in proper time and the charge was a splendid exhibition. These were unquestionably the best drills of the season.

The general duty having been thoroughly completed, the battalion had a day's outing on Friday forenoon, to practically illustrate the new drill regulations. Lieut. Hardin, U. S. A., had command of the force to be dislodged, while Major Stacpole controlled the attacking body. This sham battle was held in the dense woods back of the McCoy farm, and a more desirable spot for just such manœuvres could not have been selected. The position of the defenders was almost impregnable, through the numerous stone walls, bouiders, trees and heavy under brush, but the heavy weight of numbers overcame all these advantages, and Lieut. Hardin's force had to succumb to a flank movement which threatened their absolute annihilation. This morning's work was a complete success. Of the ceremonies and guard duty of the battalion too much cannot be said in praise; suffice it to say that the "Albany contingent" put up their best week at the State camp.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal).

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, July 17, 1893.

THE country commands were somewhat surprised last week by the announcement of the Commander-in-Chief that there would be no camp this summer. The Chicago troops had not expected their usual encampment at Springfield, but it was generally understood and so stated by the Adjutant General that the country regiments would be ordered into camp in July or August. The reasons given for thus abolishing the annual encampment are: First, the Lemont strike, which cost about $15,000, and which was paid from the military appropriation. Second, the expense of

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sending the troops to Chicago on Aug. 24—a special appropriation of $25,000 was made for this purpose by the last Legislature. Third, the expense to be incurred by the State in refitting the Northern Rifle Range. Fourth, the replacing of the 1st Infantry's equipments which were destroyed by fire. Fifth, the desire of so many members of the Guard to spend their annual vacation either at the World's Fair in Chicago or on the rifle range.

The English military tournament, which opened in the Chicago horse show building on May 1, has moved from there to the stock pavilion of the Agricultural Building at the World's Fair. The show, while a good one, has not been a success financially. The people have found so many things to see at the fair grounds and at the theatres that an entertainment of this kind would not draw.

W. A. P.

VARIOUS.

Capt. W. F. Morris, Co. K, 14th N. Y., senior captain in the regiment, has resigned.

The 22d N. Y., Col. Camp, will proceed to the State Camp this afternoon (July 22) and relieve the 8th Regiment.

The present strength of the 23d N. Y. is 778 officers and men, against 731 for the quarter ending March 31, 1891.

The 2d battalion, 13th N. Y., in command of Major C. H. Luscomb, will parade at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N. Y., this afternoon (July 22) for instruction in extended order and battle exercises.

Mr. John S. Power, Chief Clerk, Headquarters Department of the East, has returned to Governor's Island from a week's vacation, spent pleasantly with the 12th Regiment, in camp at Peekskill, N. Y.

We have received a bound copy of the interesting report of Adjt.-Gen. Samuel Dalton, of Massachusetts, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892, which was referred to in the JOURNAL some time ago.

An Engineer Corps is to be organized in the 24 N. Y. Brigade by Major B. T. Clayton, recently appointed on the staff of Gen. McLeer. It is intended to have the corps composed of details from the different commands.

The pack devised by Col. H. C. Merriam, 7th U.S. Inf., had a very successful trial last week at the State Camp of Instruction at Peekskill, N. Y. Its merits were apparent after a thoroughly practical test in the field under every circumstance.

The famous Veteran Zouaves, of Elizabeth, N. J., Gen. Drake, have been disbanded by order of the State Military Board. They will probably be reorganized and will wear the State uniform, instead of the old Army uniform they have worn since organized in 1878.

A telegram from Camp Douglas, Wis., July 14, where the 1st Regiment, Wisconsin National Guard, was in camp, says a terrific storm passed over that place. A bolt of lightning struck in the quarters of the Darlington company, killing two men and seriously injuring ten others.

The following are the returns of the 1st Brigade, N. Y., for the quarter ending June 30, 1891, and the previous quarter ending March 31:

	June 30.			March 31.
	Officers.	Men.	Agg.	
Brigade Staff	12	—	12	12
7th Regiment	40	993	1033	1037
8th Regiment	24	483	507	496
9th Regiment	31	553	584	588
12th Regiment	36	605	641	607
22d Regiment	41	683	724	708
69th Regiment	39	779	818	821
71st Regiment	34	535	569	541
1st Battery	5	92	97	99
2d Battery	6	82	88	86
Troop A	6	106	112	105
Signal Corps	2	80	82	81
	276	4991	5307	5124

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

X.—Congressman Lester, of Georgia, will have appointment to the Military Academy in 1894 for admission in 1895.

J. H. F., Marines.—Regulations under the recent law in regard to service in the Marine Corps are about to be issued.

J. M.—Wagoners and artificers are entitled to benefits of act of Aug. 4, 1854, for re-enlistment, but not to additional pay under act of May 15, 1872.

W. J. C. asks: Is there any prescribed uniform for the President of the United States as Commander-in-Chief of the Army or the Navy? ANS.—No.

M. F. G.—The 4th Maine district (Military Academy) will be vacant in 1895; the two New Hampshire districts in 1897. None other are due before these dates.

J. M. C. asks: Has the law giving pensions to all those serving in the Rebellion, which passed Congress in 1890, been repealed? ANS.—No, but its operations have been somewhat modified by the present Administration.

A. E. C.—State congressional districts in which you are interested with reference to cadetships at West Point and Annapolis and we will endeavor to answer you.

F. B. S. asks: When will a vacancy for naval cadet occur in the 28th District of New York—the district in which the City of Elmira is situated? ANS.—In June, 1896.

Los Angeles.—Gen. A. McD. McCook, U. S. A., will be retired for age April 22, 1895. It is not likely he will be disturbed from his present command, with headquarters at Denver, before retirement.

Goforth, Ky.—Discharged soldiers are eligible for appointment to the police force in Washington, D. C., but the selections are no longer confined to this class of applicants. Examinations are held every few months.

J. C. W.—The rules with regard to discharge by purchase from the Army are contained in General Orders No. 17, A. G. O., 1893 which was published in full in ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL of March 4, 1893, page 458. You seem to be eligible.

C.—Par. 225, Army Regulations, is explicit. It says: "Regimental adjutants and quartermasters may hold office for four years and no longer, and will not be eligible for a second tour of such duty; nor for appointment, or re-appointment, to either position, except to serve an unexpired term of four years."

Constant Reader.—The rule nowadays is that enlisted men have full permission to approach and speak to their captains, provided always it is done at proper seasons and in a respectful, soldierly manner. The exception is where captains require men to be brought to them by the 1st sergeants, but such cases are, we believe, rare nowadays.

J. G.—If you re-enlist as a wagoner it would not debar you from subsequent transfer to the Hospital Corps, always provided the regulations governing such matters are met. This ten years' service restriction necessarily compels a few roundabout methods of getting at a thing. But "there are more ways of killing a dog than stoning him to death."

Marine asks: 1. Who has received the appointment to the Naval Academy from the 4th Congressional district, N. Y., and who is the alternate? ANS.—Wm. C. Asserson, and H. A. Robichon alternate.

2. Is slight enlargement of the heart sufficient to ensure the rejection of a candidate for admission to the Naval Academy? ANS.—Yes.

3. Is slight indication of same sufficient? ANS.—Yes.

4. Will the names of all the candidates be published in the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL? ANS.—Yes, when they are ordered to report.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT MONROE, VA.

JULY 11, 1893.

THE batteries of the 4th Artillery, here from Washington Barracks and Fort McHenry, Md., are busily engaged in their artillery practice. Among the officers present with the battalion are Capt. Constantine Chase, for many years adjutant of the Artillery School and post, and Capts. Strong and Ennis, who were student officers some 18 and 20 years ago. Capt. Chase was pleased to see that the improvements be inaugurated when he was here many years ago continued; the printing office and bindery are in a large degree indebted to him for their present splendid condition.

Lieut. Edward Davis, post adjutant, has returned from his recent trip to Fort Wadsworth, attending a session of the range finder board. The Lewis range-finder has proved to be a useful instrument.

Major M. P. Miller, 5th Art., after attending the session of the range-finder board, proceeded to Massachusetts to complete his duties inspecting the camps of the militia of that State.

The recent heavy rains left many pools of water on the parade ground and the number of mosquitoes propagated has made Fort Monroe far from pleasant. This is the first time in the memory of any resident here now, when mosquitoes were a nuisance.

Capt. James M. Ingalls, 1st Art., left the post on the evening of July 4 to spend the hot months in New England, on work for the Artillery School.

Lieut. C. L'H. Ruggles, 3d Art., returned to the post on July 6. He has been on duty connected with the Columbian Exposition in Chicago since sometime in February last.

Lieut. T. B. Lamoreux left the post on July 9 on twelve days' leave. He expects to consult an expert oculist in regard to his eyes, which have been troubling him for some months past.

Pay Inspector Arthur J. Pritchard, U. S. Navy, arrived at the Hygeia Hotel July 10.

Sergt. James Smith, U. S. Army, retired, who has been living at Pt. Comfort, Va., for some years past, attempted suicide on July 6 by shooting himself. One bullet entered his throat, doing but little damage, except inflicting a flesh wound, and a second bullet entered the forehead, but glanced around the skull, inflicting but a slight wound; he was immediately taken in charge by his friends and is now rapidly recovering. A fit of despondency, and family troubles are attributed as the causes which led to the deed.

JULY 19, 1893.

Orders have been received at this post relieving Captain W. L. Alexander, C. S. U. S. A., from duty at the post. He goes to Washington for duty in the office of the Commissary General of subsistence. Capt. Alexander has been stationed here for the past four years, and both he and Mrs. Alexander will be missed from the pleasant society of the garrison. Captain Wells Willard, who relieves Capt. Alexander, is well known by many at the post, both as a commissary officer and when he was a lieutenant in the 5th Artillery, and the garrison is well satisfied with the choice made.

Lieut. and Mrs. Newcomb returned from their visit North on July 17.

Lieut. Thos. B. Lamoreux, 4th Art., returned from leave yesterday. He has been to New York consulting a specialist regarding his eyes.

Mrs. Evans, wife of Comdr. R. D. Evans, U. S. Navy, and daughter, have returned home from an extended visit North and to the World's Fair.

Capt. Chas. Shaler, Ord. Dept., paid the post a short visit on July 17.

Maj. John A. Darling, 5th Art., registered at the Hygeia Hotel July 17.

The troops at the post are busily engaged at artillery target practice, and from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. the firing is kept up.

The instruction batteries of the school use all the afternoons of each day with their practice, and twenty-four shots from the 8" C. R. and 15" S. B. are considered but an ordinary three hours practice. When it is understood how to refully every piece of information is collected and recorded, the firing is certainly fast.

MEK.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal).

WEST POINT.

JULY 19, 1893.

THE proposed erection of officers' quarters below the south gate, at a point almost opposite the old Kinsley mansion, has necessitated the carrying of gas pipes to that point, and as a consequence the road has been torn up, and is impassable for vehicles between the foot of the hill leading to the quarters of Lieut. Tate and the junction of the back and main roads. The back road has of necessity become a thoroughfare, and its condition is being improved daily. The road below the south gate will be macadamized and, when completed, will add to the good driving roads. Those about the post are in excellent condition.

A General Court-martial, ordered to convene at West Point on Thursday, July 20 (the detail for the court including almost every officer left at the post) has, under subsequent orders, been dissolved.

"Trying for A manuensis," for which the same qualifications are considered as in "trying for colors," forms an incentive to immaculate neatness in uniform, accoutrements, etc., among cadets, by whom the position is regarded as a "soft snap," in cadet parlance, during the intense heat of the day.

An occasional cadet picnic has been added to the regulation hops and band concerts.

The attendance at cadet hops averages about the same. The participants vary, but new arrivals quickly fill the places of the old, and to a casual observer there is not much variety. The second German of the season will take place this evening. A hop was given instead of a German last Wednesday evening.

Miss Michie and Miss Louise Knight, daughter of Capt. J. G. D. Knight, Engineers, left on Sunday for Chicago, where they will visit friends. Miss Michie will later join Prof. and Mrs. Michie, who left on Sunday for Campobello, Maine, intending to pass a few days at Bar Harbor as the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Bass on the journey thither.

Cadets Widmer and Urtecho returned from a month's leave on Monday.

It is understood that the Corps of Cadets has been invited (and that the invitation has been accepted) by the city of Detroit to stop over at that point on the trip to Chicago, and that a ball will be among the courtesies extended by the city of Detroit to the visiting cadets.

Cards have been received at the post for the marriage of Mr. Thomas Pelham Curtis and Miss Frances Kellogg Small, which will take place on the afternoon of August 4, at 4 o'clock, at Christ Church, Baltimore, Md. A reception will be held at the home of the bride's uncle, Rev. J. Preston Fugette, 2209 St. Paul Street, immediately after the ceremony. Much interest is felt in the approaching marriage by the friends of the young people at this post. Miss Small, the daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. M. P. Small, Subsistence Department, has frequently visited the Point as the guest of Mrs. Pratt. The father of Mr. Curtis, the late Lieut.-Col. H. P. Curtis, Judge Advocate General's Department, was Professor of Law at the Military Academy from '82 to '86.

Baron Herabrenz, Miss Summers, Mrs. Hosley, wife of Lieut. A. H. Hosley, U. S. N; Lieuts. Kutz, Rogers, and Wren, 17th Inf., have been among recent visitors.

Capt. Robert Catlin, retired, Mrs. Catlin and the Misses Catlin, arrived at Highland Falls during the present week.

Upon his return to the post Lieut. Wisser will occupy the quarters now occupied by Lieut. Pratt. The latter officer will be retired from duty on Aug. 17.

Cadet appointments to West Point have been issued during the past week to:

Thomas B. Whitted, Reidsville, 5th Dist., N. C.
Albert J. Gleason, Big Rapids, 11th Dist., Mich.
Chas. Munton, (Alt.) Greenville, 11th Dist., Mich.
Clarence A. Dougherty, Coldwater, 2d Dist., Miss.
John D. Long, Columbus 5th Dist., Ind.
James P. Hughes, (Alt.) Cloverdale, 5th Dist., Ind.
Wilson P. Fisher, (Alt.) Franklin, 7th Dist., Tenn.
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PLANS FOR A SUBMARINE BOAT.

THE report of the Board on the Submarine Boat, which consists of Lieut.-Comdr. C. S. Sperry, Prof. P. R. Alger, and Asst. Naval Constructor W. L. Capps, reviews very carefully the merits of the two principal designs, those of Mr. Baker and Mr. Holland. Eight of the designs did not comply with the Department's requirements. One, also, of Mr. Baker's was set aside because it proposed storage batteries as the sole motive power, a system considered insufficiently developed at present. His other design was better suited to the needs of the Service. The Board found that it possessed one feature of great merit—the placing of the propellers on the transverse axis through the centre of gravity, with a device by which they may be deflected in such a manner as to be used for submergence as well as propulsion. Since the power is applied to the transverse axis through the centre of gravity, the maintenance of the longitudinal trim by the exact compensation for weights expended is rendered less important as far as depth of submergence and safety are concerned. This compensation is vitally important, since too little causes excessive buoyancy and consequent loss of power in submergence, and too much may destroy the reserve buoyancy and lead to disaster. It is also very desirable that the trim be steadily maintained, in order that the torpedo may be properly aimed. The lack of any detailed description of devices for accomplishing this compensation, with the exposed position of the propellers and the comparative small power for surface speed, prevented the Board from recommending this design as the best, though it considers it an open question whether submergence by propellers is not a better method than submergence by diving rudders, the reserve buoyancy being the same in each case.

The design presented by John P. Holland of New York was found to meet every requirement of the Service fairly well by mechanical devices apparently practical. The inventor's experience with submarine boats also counts in favor of his designs. Although horizontal rudders are used in this design for effecting submergence when the boat is not in motion, its important feature is the use of diving rudders to submerge when under way. The Board believes this method to be more speedy and efficient than submergence by propellers, but that it has the apparent fault of a greater risk of reaching a dangerous depth. This objection would have greater weight, had not the inventor possessed apparently efficient automatic devices for maintaining the longitudinal trim. The Board considers, therefore, that the John P. Holland Torpedo Boat Company of New York most nearly meets the requirements of the Department, and that the guaranteed strength to resist the pressure due to continued submergence at seventy feet will be sufficient, and it recommends the construction of the boat by that firm.

The board suggests that the test for surface speed should be made a test of endurance as well, and should not be for a smaller period than four hours. In considering the guarantee submitted, the board does not believe the system of penalties and premiums set forth to be desirable in connection with the construction of a vessel which is in a great measure experimental. It suggests a liberal margin in the qualities of speed, endurance and facility of manœuvre, within which it will be accepted at the full contract price, and outside of which it may be accepted at a considerable reduced price, should the Department consider it expedient. Commo. Sampson does not approve of the findings of the board, and sent the report to the Secretary with the following indorsement:

The Bureau of Ordnance recommends that the two bidders, Messrs. Baker and Holland, be called upon by the Department to furnish more detailed descriptions and calculations with reference to the designs which they have submitted. In those upon which the board now makes a report, the two bidders have assumed different degrees for strength for their respective designs—one, Mr. Baker, providing for a strength sufficient to withstand the submergence of 150 feet, and Mr. Holland for only a depth of 70 feet. This difference and the resulting weight of the hull of the two boats make the two designs incomparable in the matter of speed and other requirements. The bureau therefore recommends that Mr. Baker be required to modify his design and description to conform to the necessary strength for submergence, and that both the bidders be required to assume the same unit of efficiency in the storage batteries which they have proposed to use. Both of these points are essential in order that the two systems may be fairly compared.

Secretary Herbert has approved Commo. Sampson's indorsement.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

According to reports from Bucharest a new smokeless powder, known as Plastomenit, has been tested there by the military authorities as well as by the local sporting club. One of the advantages it is said to possess over other similar powders is that its combustion does not choke the gun.

It is hoped that the difficulty which threatens to be fatal to our new army explosive, cordite, may be circumvented by a change in the manner of loading cartridges. If they can be so loaded as to secure less rapid expansion of the gases generated, there is a chance that corrosion, which proves so rapidly ruinous to the rifle barrel, may be obviated. Experiments will show whether this is the case or not.—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

The Board of Ordnance and Fortification paid a visit to Sandy Hook last week on a tour of observation, and was gratified at the great progress made in ordnance matters. Capt. Frank Heath, who is in charge of the proving grounds, gave the board a practical illustration of what has been accomplished. One of the ten-inch guns, which is mounted on Capt. Gordon's 225 ton disappearing carriage, threw a 575 pound projectile five miles out to sea with a roar that was heard at a distance of seven miles. The powder charge was 250 pounds. The five-inch Brown segmental gun was also fired, and though much heavier than the United States type of gun, it gave satisfaction. In order to prove that emmensite can be fired with perfect safety, a charge of 86 pounds and 10 ounces was put into a 706-pound shell and fired from one of the 12.20 mortars. The powder charge, Brown prismatic, was 78 pounds. The result was exceedingly gratifying. The greatest work of the day, however, was that accomplished with the 3.20-inch steel field gun. With 2 pounds and 12 ounces of Leonard's American smokeless powder, a 13¼ pound projectile was whizzed through the air with the extraordinary velocity of 2 438 feet to the second, the highest ever attained by any field gun in this country, and, with two or three exceptions, the highest attained anywhere. The projectile in its flight had greater energy in proportion to the weight of the gun than was ever obtained by any other gun in the world. The pressure was 35,850 pounds.—*New York Times.*

FOREIGN ITEMS.

THE Chatham Dockyard officials have estimated the cost of the repairs to the *Howe* at about £40,000.

THE strength of the Spanish Army for 1893-94 has been fixed at 80,000 men for the Peninsula, and at 28,500 men for the Spanish Colonies, the latter being made up of 13,661 men for Cuba, 3,092 for Porto Rico, and 11 750 men for the Philippine Islands.

THE Italian protected cruiser *Liguria*, which is of the *Dogali* type, and a sister ship of the *Etruria* and *Lombardia*, took the water at the Ansaldo yard at Sestri Ponente on June 8. She is steel built, has a displacement of 2 280 tons, is 262 ft. 6 in. long, 39 ft. 4 in. in beam, and has a draught of 15 ft.

THE octogenarian Marshal Canrobert entered upon his 85th year on June 27. He joined at Saint Cyr in 1826; became sub-lieutenant in 1828; lieutenant in 1832; captain in 1837; major in 1842; lieutenant-colonel in 1847; brigadier-general in 1850; general of division in 1853; and Marshal of France in 1856.

A DESPATCH from the City of Mexico states that when the Federal troops stationed there were paid their month's pay recently some were not satisfied with the small deductions ordered by the Government. President Diaz learned of this feeling of dissatisfaction and immediately ordered the deducted amounts returned to the soldiers, which was done.

AT the new Schichau yard at Danzig the German cruiser-corvette *Gesion* ("J") has been launched. She is the fourth large protected cruiser, of more than 4,000 tons displacement, added to the German Navy, the others being the *Kaiserin Augusta*, *Irene*, and *Prinzess Wilhelm*. Unlike the first-named of these, she has but two screws, but is expected to attain a speed of 20 knots. She has a displacement of some 5,000 tons, and her armor-protection is a deck 76 mm. (2.98 in.) in thickness.

ONE of the most sorrowful circumstances connected with the loss of the *Victoria* is the fact that five out of the six engineer officers lost their lives. The reason is not far to seek. The engineers were at the post of duty, and the post of duty was in this case the post of danger. The chief engineer and four of his staff were in the engine room endeavoring to shut off the steam, and to open the escape valves. They died, but they will not be forgotten. Those who know what a watch in the dark, fiery well of the stokehold, 40 ft. below the bridge, really means, can alone appreciate the qualities which enable men to remain steadfast at their post in such surroundings in the hour of danger. It requires a stout heart to stay at the bottom of an iron well, with a dozen high pressure boilers before one, and a square patch of sky seen through a hatchway 40 ft. above, when the order on deck is "close all water-tight doors," and "Call away all the boats." We must not forget the engineers and stokers of the *Victoria*. They have deserved well of England.—*London Pall Mall Gazette.*

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DIED.

BARRY.—In Philadelphia, July 12, at the residence of his uncle, Chief Engineer Jackson McElmell, U. S. Navy, Rev. GEORGE PAUL BARRY, age 25 years, son of Helen C. and the late Chief Engineer George J. Barry, U. S. Navy.

BRERETON.—At Milford, Conn., July 14, MINNIE A., wife of Lieutenant John J. Brereton, U. S. A., and daughter of the late Edwin P. Smith. Funeral private. Interment at Milford, Conn.

COLLADAY.—At St. Louis, Mo., Friday, June 30, at 9.45 P. M., SALLIE H. COLLADAY, widow of the late Samuel R. Colladay, U. S. A., and daughter of the Hon. Wm. P. Harrison, of Hannibal, Mo.

DWYER.—At Fort Assiniboine, Mont., July 15, of Bright's disease, Mrs. ANNIE CROKER DWYER, mother of Mrs. Nordstrom, wife of Captain Charles E. Nordstrom, 10th Cavalry. London and Dublin papers please copy.

ENGLISH.—At Washington, D. C., July 16, Rear Admiral EARL ENGLISH, U. S. Navy, retired.

HARLAN.—At Churchville, Md., July 12, Medical Director DAVID HARLAN, U. S. Navy, retired, aged 84.

HASKELL.—At Hackensack, N. J., July 9, THEODORE H. HASKELL, formerly Acting Assistant Paymaster, U. S. Navy.

KELTON.—At his residence at the Soldiers' Home, near Washington, D. C., July 15, Brigadier-General JOHN CUNNINGHAM KELTON, U. S. Army, retired.

LEAVY.—At Harper's Ferry, West Va., July 8, 1st Lieutenant JAMES TROTTER LEAVY, U. S. Army, retired.

MCCOY.—At Augusta, Ga., July 12, in the 73d year of her age, Mrs. FRANCES A. MCCOY, mother of 1st Lieutenant Frank R. McCoy, 3d Infantry.

POORE.—At Fitchburg, Mass., July 12, MARTHA CARLETON, younger daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. B. A. Poore, 6th Infantry, aged 4 months.

SMITH.—At Green Bay, Wis., July 19, Rear Admiral MELANCTON SMITH, U. S. Navy, retired.

STEVENS.—Near Silver Springs, Md., July 17, Mrs. STEVENS, wife of Rear Admiral Thomas H. Stevens, U. S. Navy, retired.

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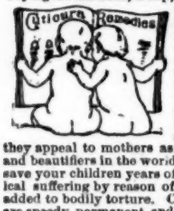

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